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## YUGOSLAVIA NOT TO JOIN AXIS ALLIANCE



The famous British aircraft-carrier "Ark Royal" remains afloat despite the frequency of Dr. Goebbels' wishful thinking. This picture shows the "Ark Royal" in the last attack upon her off Sardinia. It shows huge columns of water raised by Italian bombs falling clear of the ship.

### ATHENS DENIES GERMAN APPROACH

An authoritative denial was given in Athens last night to reports that the German Minister in Athens had handed Dr. Korizis, the Greek Prime Minister, "certain proposals."

No proposals, it is stated, have been presented.—Reuter.

### GERMANS INDICTED IN N.Y.

A Federal Grand Jury has indicted the German news agency, Trans-Ocean, its manager, Manfred Zapp, and another employee named Tonn, for violation of the Foreign Agents Registration Law.

Zapp and Tonn have been arrested, it was declared in Washington yesterday.

The indictment alleged that Trans-Ocean established a branch agency in the United States in

### 7 NIGHT RAIDERS DOWNED

Seven German aircraft were destroyed in attacks on Britain on Monday night.

Four were shot down in the Portsmouth area, which was the main Nazi target, by anti-aircraft guns. They were seen to crash or explode in mid-air by many witnesses.

It was also learned last night that two German bombers about to take off from an aerodrome in Holland were machine-gunned by a British bomber returning from the R.A.F.'s raid on Cologne on Monday night.

A Messerschmidt fighter which tried interception was promptly shot down.—Reuter.

October, 1938, to further the interests of the German Government and the Nazi Party but failed to register with the State Department as the agent of a foreign principal; that Zapp aided and abetted the violation; and that Tonn, as Trans-Ocean's publicity agent, had failed to register.—Reuter.

### JAMAICA TO GET CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM

An important Government statement regarding a new Constitution for Jamaica may shortly be made in the House of Commons, Reuter understands.

It is understood that the island will have a Constitution based upon elections by popular vote.—Reuter.

### NAZIS & DARLAN "THREAT"

Admiral Darlan's threat to "convoy French merchantships" is "not a possibility but a certainty" alleged the German-controlled Paris radio yesterday.

The announcer quoted a number of articles in the Paris press in favour of this action.

In well-informed quarters in London it was pointed out last night that this latest example of German propaganda lends support to the view that the Germans are anxious to see a clash between the French and British fleets as soon as possible.—Reuter.

## Will Not Sign If Asked

YUGOSLAVIA WILL not sign the Tripartite Pact even if directly asked to do so, according to well-informed quarters in Belgrade yesterday.

There is no reason to believe that Germany has already made a definite demand for Yugoslavian signature, nor is it confirmed that German pressure on Belgrade has been intensified.

It is still considered likely that the Premier M. Tsvetkovitch, and Foreign Minister, M. Cincar Markovitch, will visit Vienna within the next few days but rumours that aircraft have already arrived to take them, are unfounded.

Relations with the Reich are still officially described as perfectly cordial.

Postponement of the Yugoslav statesmen's trip can be attributed to negotiations as to what form a declaration following such a meeting would take.

### Inopportune

The leading Belgrade newspaper, "Politika," yesterday published a Wilhelmstrasse statement saying: "It is inopportune at present to make any suppositions on Yugoslav-German affairs: it is better to await actual results."

Unconfirmed reports state that a German aircraft was brought down by Yugoslav anti-aircraft fire at Kladovo on Monday night.—Reuter.

### Belgrade Interview

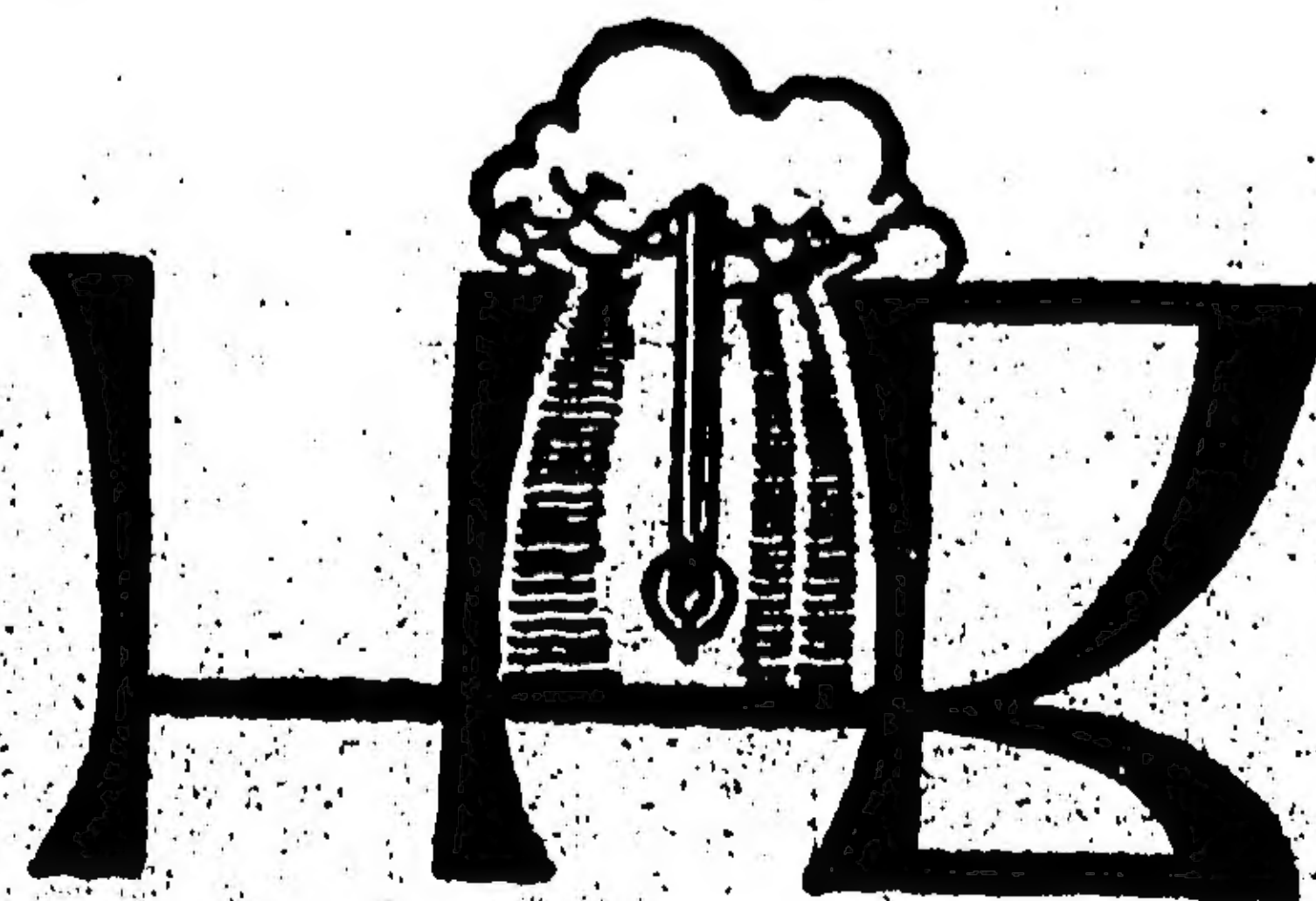
The German Minister to Yugoslavia, von Heeren, had a long interview with the Yugoslav Foreign Minister, M. Marcovitch, yesterday, says a Belgrade message to the official German news agency.—Reuter.

### ITALIAN TRANSPORT TORPEDOED

A heavily laden Italian troop transport was torpedoed and sunk by a British submarine.

This was revealed in an official Admiralty communique yesterday which adds that in reporting this success the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean, states the transport was of the Sicilia class of 9,646 tons.—Reuter.

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# GRIMMER PHASE OF WAR COMING

## Royal Air Force Ready For The Spring

### Faster And More Powerful Fighters And Bombers

THE REVOLUTIONARY PROGRESS OF THE R.A.F., ITS NEW, FASTER AND MORE POWERFUL FIGHTERS AND BOMBERS, AND THE TRANSFORMATION OF EXISTING WORLD-KNOWN MODELS INTO VIRTUALLY NEW TYPES, WAS THE THEME OF AN ADDRESS BY THE AIR MINISTER, SIR ARCHIBALD SINCLAIR, IN INTRODUCING THE AIR FORCE ESTIMATES IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY.

Among types which the Minister mentioned publicly for the first time were the Beau fighter, designed for long-range operations and night fighting and carrying a very heavy armament, and the heavy Halifax bomber.

Later models of Spitfires and Hurricanes are now in service fitted with more powerful engines and heavier armament, he added.

The new Hawker Tornado will be equipped with engines nearly twice the horse-power of fighters which bore the brunt of the Battle of Britain. They can carry still heavier armament and yet attain a speed well over 400 miles an hour.

As to bombers, Hampdens, Wellingtons and Whitneys will be the main R.A.F. offensive weapon. The latest models of these are fitted with more powerful engines and some—although the name remains—are quite different aircraft.

In addition there is a range of very much heavier bombers, including the Manchester and Halifax, all of which have already shown their worth against enemy targets.

They are more than twice the size of earlier types, are faster and carry heavier defensive armament and thrice the weight of bombs over the same distance as their predecessors.

#### Raids In Germany

Sir Archibald declared our bombers had made 280 raids on aerodromes and seaplane bases, 300 on docks and shipping, 470 on railways and communications, and 630 on industrial targets, all in Germany, apart from their many very heavy raids on objectives in occupied territory.

In the same period Coastal Command aircraft had flown 16 million miles. Squadrons from Canada, South Africa, Australia, New Zealand and Rhodesia, squadrons manned by men from India and Newfoundland and all the Colonial Empire, were playing their part in the battle.

"Another squadron, of which the House will hear more before long, is the Eagle Squadron, mounted on Hurricanes and manned by American pilots," declared the Air Minister.

#### Enormous Growth

He continued: "The strength of one R.A.F. Command alone exceeds the total peace strength of the whole R.A.F. by nearly 50 per cent, while the two other Commands have a strength equal to more than the peace-time R.A.F. total."

"This expansion will be enormously accelerated during the coming year."

"British science stands in the forefront of aviation research and, despite the fact that flying training in Britain has to be carried out within the war zone, we accept no reduction in the standard of training."

"In some schools training is now being carried out not only in double shifts but even in four shifts."

#### Empire Scheme

"The success of the Empire training scheme has surpassed all

expectations. In Canada the output of pilots and crews is well ahead of schedule and there has been a great expansion of training in Australia and New Zealand. Men trained under the great organisation in South Africa and Rhodesia are, like others trained overseas, fighting to-day brilliantly and successfully."

"The Governments of Malaya, Trinidad and Bermuda have themselves made arrangements to give elementary flying training."

"A full-scale training organisation is being formed in India for pilots of the R.A.F. and the Indian Air Force, while another training organisation established in Burma for the youths air training corps, launched five and a half weeks ago, has already enrolled 130,000 boys and formed over 1,000 units."

"Considering the total number of boys aged between 16 and 18 is only 750,000, this is a great achievement."

#### Civil Aviation

"The war has necessarily restricted civil aviation but a service is running from Durban to Khartoum and Cairo, and thence across India to Australia, which links with the United Kingdom by flyingboats via Lisbon and West Africa."

"It is hoped possible to resume the trans-Atlantic service in the near future."

"THE R.A.F. IS NOW ON THE THRESHOLD OF ITS PERIOD OF GREATEST EXPANSION, AND DURING THE COMING TWELVE MONTHS WE SHALL ABSORB IN RAPIDLY INCREASING NUMBERS THE PRODUCTS OF AMERICAN, AS WELL AS BRITISH, INDUSTRY."

#### In Time

Sir Archibald Sinclair continued: "Goebbels tells his German dupes that American help for Britain will arrive too late but I tell you that these formidable aircraft, the choicest fruits of American design and craftsmanship, will get here in time."

Sir Archibald would not be optimistic about the menace of the night bomber. More severe attacks than ever might well be in store, but our methods of defence and counter-attack were gradually improving and we should exact from night bombers, as we had already begun to exact, an increasing toll.

After pointing out that Britain had been fighting and was still to some extent fighting not one air force but two, the Air Minister



The work of clearing dangerous buildings and debris is still going on in the City of London. Photo shows Pioneers demolishing one of the buildings. (Copyright, Fox).

## "YOU'RE TIRED" TO RESCUERS

SO SORRY TO BOTHER YOU, said thirteen-year-old Rosemary Martin to London wardens as they rescued her from tons of smouldering rubble.

One foot crushed and another badly burned she had been buried for hours amid the wreckage of her home, hit by a bomb from a German night raider.

But her only thought was for her mother and father and the difficulties of the rescue workers. Never once did she cry.

"You must be ever so tired by now," Rosemary said to one warden. "Please get mummy and daddy first. I don't feel too bad. My foot doesn't hurt quite so much."

When they had dug down far enough to reach her a doctor injected morphia. Her foot was released from the beam which trapped it, and she was rushed to hospital, where she underwent an operation.

"Where are mummy and daddy?" she asked nurses afterwards. No one dared tell her both were dead.

"When mummy comes to see me I shall write a letter to those kind wardens," she went on. "Mummy could write a better letter than

said we had destroyed half the Italian first-line and certainly destroyed much more than half of the first-line with which Germans entered the war."

#### R.A.F. Fighting Strength

HE DECLARED THE STRENGTH OF THE R.A.F. WAS VERY MUCH GREATER NOW THAN WHEN THE BATTLE OF BRITAIN BEGAN LAST AUGUST.

The war, however, was about to enter a grimmer phase.

"IT WILL BE NO EASY TASK TO DEFEAT NAZI GERMANY BUT IT CAN, MUST AND WILL BE DONE" (CHEERS)

"Meanwhile, our pilots have so far maintained their individual ascendancy over the enemy that their chief difficulty to-day is to bring German pilots to battle."—Reuters

me—she can say always, and do such nice things."

#### Families Wiped Out

Seven houses beside Rosemary's were demolished. Seven people were killed and eighteen injured.

One family was wiped out completely—Mr. and Mrs. C. Arnold and their baby daughter. Mrs. C. Dunton said: "It will break Rosemary's heart when she hears her mother and family are dead. They were a devoted family. Everyone knew Rosemary for her happy smile. She attended a convent school."

Wardens dug with their hands among the wreckage during the night to release Londoners buried by a bomb which penetrated the roof of a semi-surface shelter.

The shelter was outside a block of working-class flats, front walls of which were demolished. Some people were killed and others seriously injured.

#### 6 Churches Hit

Among the victims were seven-week-old twins, Carol and Edna Bunn, who were taken to hospital with their mother. Their injuries are not serious.

In the wreckage of the lower flats was the sector warden, who had just visited the shelter on his patrol. He was dead.

Mrs. Bennett, her two daughters and a young son were killed in the shelter. Her husband was at work.

One enemy aircraft was destroyed.

The Birmingham area was the main target of the raiders, and a heavy attack developed—the first there for over a week.

Six churches, eleven schools, a fever hospital, a deaf-and-dumb school and two cinemas were among the property damaged.

### BOMBS DROPPED IN SUEZ AREA

A few bombs were dropped on the Suez Canal area in the course of an air raid yesterday morning. No damage or casualties resulted, says Reuter from Cairo.

### 3 WEEKS IN ARMY, SENT TO FRANCE

Sapper A. Snutch, of the Royal Engineers, who was charged before a field general court martial with deserting H. M. Service with intent to avoid service overseas, has been sentenced to six months' detention. It is announced in Southern Area orders.

Snutch, it was stated at his trial, was sent to France after only three weeks' training in the Army, and was evacuated from Dunkirk.

He pleaded guilty and, in mitigation, it was urged on his behalf that after such a short period of training he never had a chance to have engrained into him a proper respect for Army discipline and regulations, or a chance to be a proper soldier. He disappeared when he was warned to join another overseas draft.

### HARAR RAIDED

SOUTH AFRICAN BOMBING SQUADRONS HEAVILY RAIDED HARAR ON SATURDAY, ACCORDING TO AN OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE ISSUED IN NAIROBI YESTERDAY.

They attacked barracks in the town and anti-aircraft posts. Direct hits were seen on the barracks and other large buildings, Reuter.

### RAW MATERIALS FOR FRANCE

Arrangements for the supply of raw materials from Germany for French industry were concluded by a representative of the French Iron and steel industry during a five-day visit to Berlin from which he has just returned to Paris, stated Lyons radio last night.—Reuter.



# President Roosevelt Signs Lease And Lend Bill

## Fleet Of Motor Torpedo Boats To Be First Loan

**F**RESDENT ROOSEVELT SIGNED THE AID TO BRITAIN BILL IN WASHINGTON YESTERDAY. WITHIN A SHORT TIME OF THE BILL'S PASSING BY CONGRESS, IT WAS SIGNED BY THE VICE-PRESIDENT, MR. HENRY WALLACE, AND THE SPEAKER, MR. RAYBURN, WHO ARRANGED FOR SENDING IT IMMEDIATELY TO THE PRESIDENT.

### WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE

Taking steady strides to establish the machine with which to operate the British aid programme immediately the Lease and Lend Bill becomes law, President Roosevelt called a White House conference yesterday morning.

Those attending were key members of Congress who will handle billions of dollars in appropriations to finance America's war effort. —Reuter.

### BEDROOM FIGHT WITH A "GHOST"

Two women fought a white-robed intruder in their bedroom with a toasting fork and an old sword and then had to retreat into an office, it was stated at Bath City Police Court.

Leonard Percy Weatherhead, aged twenty-four, a seaman, of Redruth, Cornwall, was remanded in custody for a week accused of attempting an offence against Mrs. Beatrice Southcliffe, whose husband is in the Fighting Forces.

At 2 a.m. Mrs. Southcliffe was in bed with her sister, it was stated. She saw the door open. She rushed to the door.

A figure with a white sheet or cloth over it pushed her into the room.

Her sister picked up a toasting fork, attacked the intruder. Mrs. Southcliffe managed to get away and pick up an old sword.

The women threw up the window and cried for help.

Then they retreated into the street in their night attire. They entered an office, where fire-watchers sent for the police.

### EASTERN GROUP SUPPLY COUNCIL

With the arrival of the South African and Australian delegates the work of the Eastern Group Supply Council at New Delhi is expected to get under way in the near future. —Reuter.

Congressmen who saw President Roosevelt yesterday morning are reported to have stated that a fleet of mosquito boats will be despatched to Britain immediately, probably this week.

They also stated, it is reported, that food, particularly pork, cheese and possibly wheat, may be sent soon.

President Roosevelt disclosed his intention to ask Congress for a huge appropriation at his morning conference.

Senator Glass stated afterwards that the President would recommend this appropriation, which would be all in cash, to permit of the purchase of all articles authorised by the Bill. At the conclusion of the financial conference the President called another conference to discuss administrative plans for handling the British aid programme.

Mr. Henry Stimson, Secretary for War, and the Army and Navy chiefs were invited to attend.

### Final Vote

Voting in the House of Representatives on the final passing of the Bill was 317 to 71.

Congressional authorities disclosed later that President Roosevelt will ask Congress for an appropriation of \$7,000,000, 000 to carry out the British aid programme.

Historic words were uttered by the Chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, Mr. Sol Bloom, making the closing speech in the House debate on the Senate amendments.

### Voice Of Roused America

Mr. Bloom said: "This Bill is the voice of a roused America sounding the trumpet call to victory for free government everywhere."

"By this action the United States gives the lie to the cowardly defeatist cry that Democracy is powerless in face of aggression."

"We are now proving that Democracy can and will carry into effect Lincoln's high resolve that government of the people, to the people and for the people shall not perish from the earth." —Reuter.

### VICAR WHO BROUGHT LIBEL SUIT LEAVING

The Bishop of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich has declared vacant the living at Bramfield, Suffolk, and the vicar, the Rev. C. M. Barker, has announced that he is leaving the parish "for work elsewhere."

In May, 1939, Mr. Barker lost a libel action against one of the church-wardens, Mr. Jabez Peacock.

The vicar complained that Mr. Peacock had accused him of misappropriating 12s. 1½d. of church funds.

In his parish magazine, Mr. Barker writes of his "inexpressible grief" at having to leave, and says he would have been willing, had he been able, to have taken a layman's job in the district so that he could have continued his work for youth.

### ITALIAN PRISONERS TO WORK

Italian prisoners of war are to work on the land in Britain, announced Mr. Tom Williams, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Agriculture, addressing Cheshire farmers at Chester yesterday.

Mr. Williams said Government had promised that between 2,000 and 3,000 would work on the land.

Their arrival would depend on the demand on British shipping but it was hoped they would be available shortly.

Mr. Williams also revealed that supplementary labour schemes for agriculture provided for the use of elementary and public schoolboys, women of the Land Army and friendly aliens, the latter including, subject to certain conditions, some aliens at present interned in the Isle of Man.

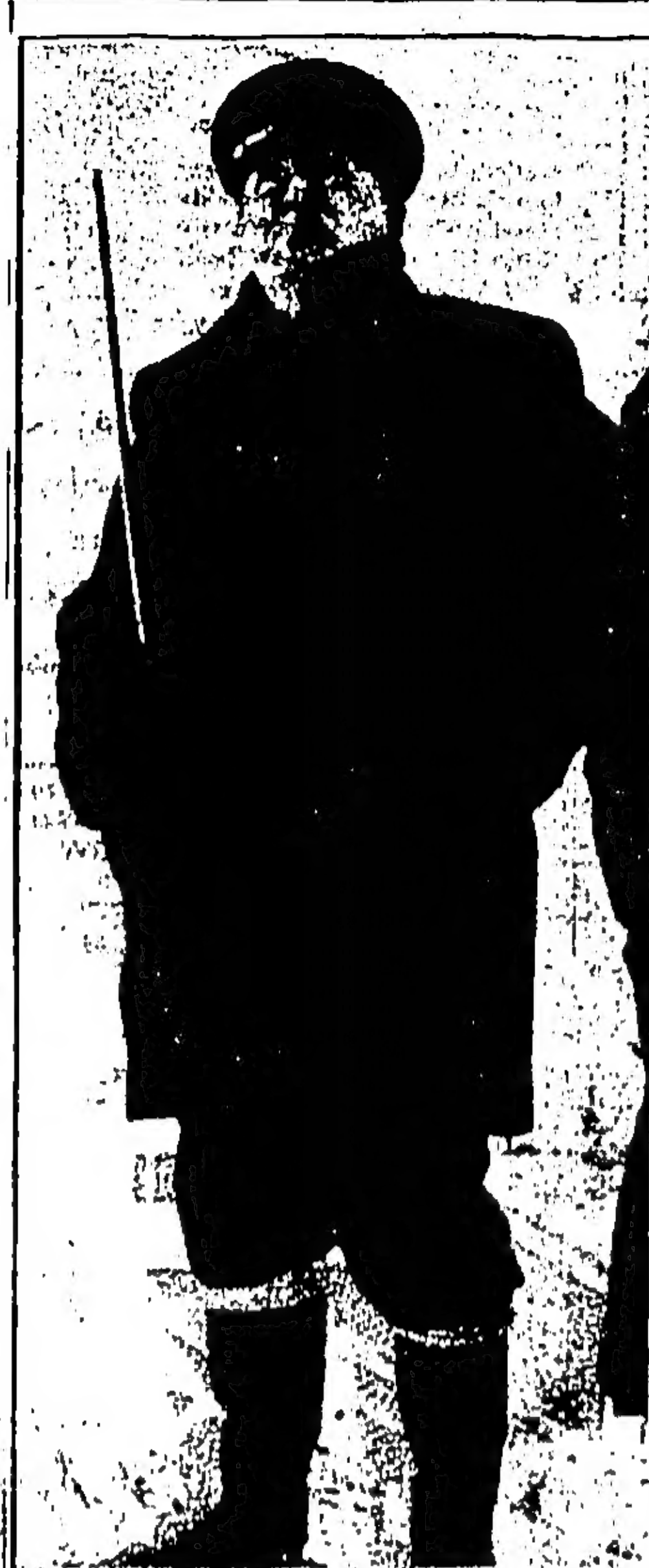
HE ADDED THAT THE PRESENT SHIPPING POSITION WAS INFINITELY MORE DESPERATE THAN 12 MONTHS AGO, AND INFINITELY WORSE THAN THAT FROM 1914 TO 1918. —REUTER.

### INDIA TO PAY WAR COMPENSATION

The Indian Council of State yesterday passed a resolution similar to that passed by the Assembly recommending the establishment of a scheme to provide for payment out of the central revenues of compensation in respect to war injuries and war damage sustained during the period of the present emergency by masters and seamen employed on sea-going services of ships registered in British India. —Reuter.

### STEADY UNDERTONE ON STOCK MARKET

The London Stock Exchange was dull yesterday on the absence of constructive factors but there was no selling pressure and the undertone was steady. Some profit-taking was seen in gilt-edged, also in Indians, while industrials tended lower. Home rails and oils were irregular, and Kaffirs were quiet pending today's Union budget. Egyptian Unified advanced 1½ from 80. Wall Street was firm. —Reuter.



Mr. Winston Churchill recently visited a Royal Artillery establishment to see a demonstration of anti-aircraft gunnery. He was accompanied by a number of Naval, Army and Air Force officers. Photo shows the Prime Minister, well-protected against the bitterly cold weather and smoking his inevitable cigar, watching the shooting. (Copyright, Fox).

### R.A.F. RAIDS IN EAST AFRICA

While the South African Air Force was raiding Harar on Saturday other R.A.F. bombers, operating further north in Italian East Africa, successfully attacked workshops on the Decamere road, near Teclesan, and the railway near Habi Mentel.

R.A.F. aircraft, states a Cairo communique, also continue to give very active support to the British troops closing in on Keren.

Several enemy gun positions were bombed and machine-gunned.

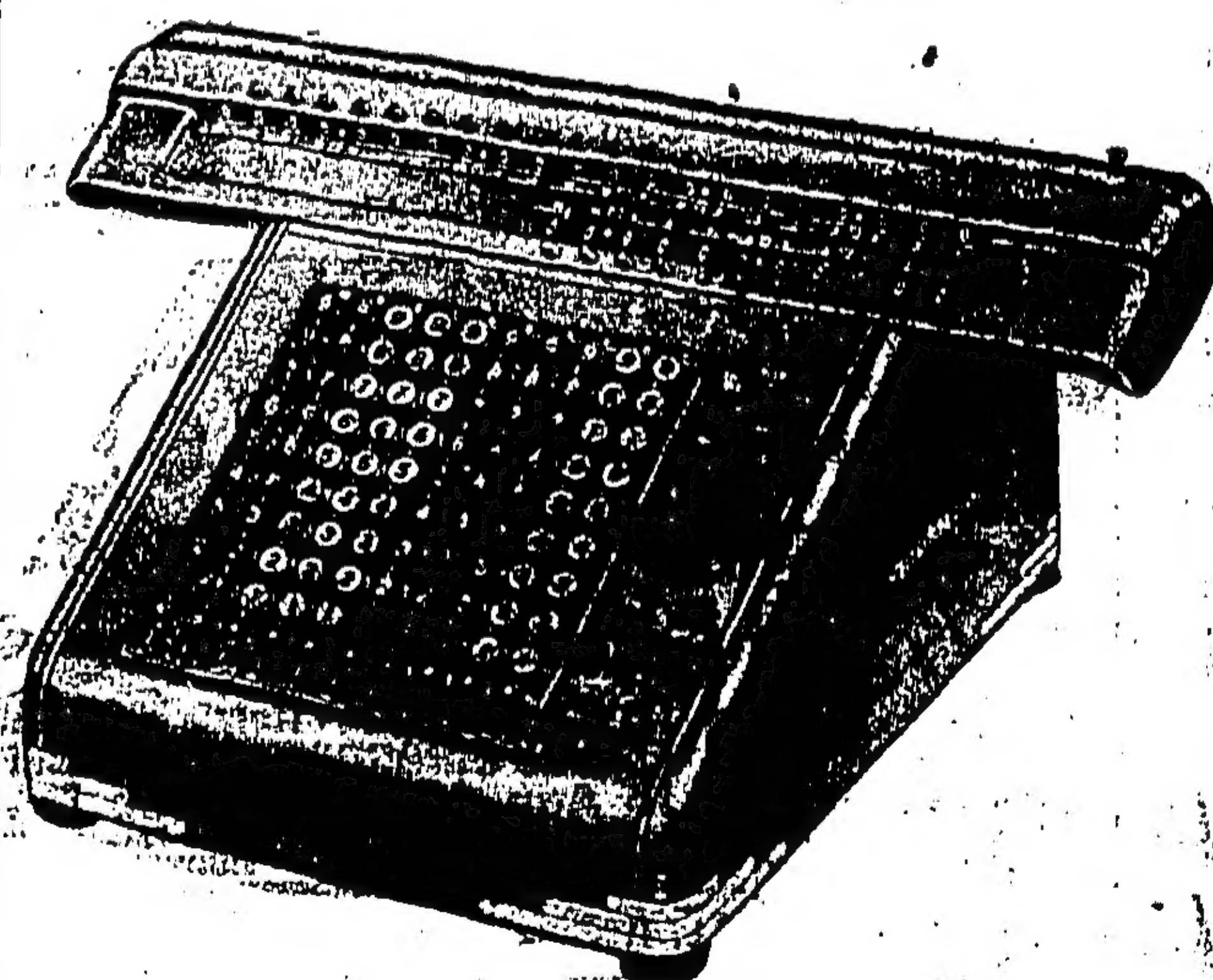
A bridge on the Keren-Asmara road was heavily bombed and a large petrol dump was destroyed south-west of Asmara. At Azozza, R.A.F. fighters machine-gunned and destroyed two enemy bombers on the ground. No British aircraft were lost in these operations. —Reuter.

### SINO-INDIAN CULTURAL SOCIETY

Accepting a donation of £750 from Mr. Tai Chi-tao, President of the Chinese Examination Yuan, the Tagore Visvabharath University has apportioned part of the sum to extending the Sino-Indian Cultural Society. —Reuter.

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# BARONET CHARGED WITH MURDER OF THE EARL OF ERROLL

MAJOR SIR DELVES BROUGHTON, 53-YEAR-OLD BARONET, WAS YESTERDAY FORMALLY CHARGED IN NAIROBI WITH THE MURDER OF LORD ERROLL, 39-YEAR-OLD PEER WHO WAS FOUND DEAD TOWARDS THE END OF JANUARY.

No evidence was called and the case was adjourned to March 19.

When Lord Erroll's death was announced it was reported due to a motor accident, but at the inquest the senior Government pathologist stated that two shots had been fired at Lord Erroll.

Lord Erroll, he added, dodged the first but received a fatal injury from the second.—Reuter.

Both Lord Erroll and Major Broughton are members of old-established families.

## 22nd Earl

Lord Erroll was the 22nd Earl, the title having been created in 1453. He was 25th Hereditary Lord High Constable of Scotland.

Lord Erroll was twice married, divorcing his first wife. His second wife died two years ago.

Major Broughton is the 11th Baronet. Formerly in the Irish Guards, he was divorced last year.

## ADOPTS 30 ORPHANS, A SECRET

A prominent man in Britain, whose name is a closely-guarded secret, has offered to adopt thirty children orphaned in the Coventry air raid.

He plans to give them a home and to care for them as his own children until they grow up. His offer has been accepted.

Offers of homes for the innocent victims of Hitler's murder raiders have been received from rich and poor in all parts of the world. Hundreds of parcels of clothes have been sent as well.

And in Coventry itself there are would-be foster parents. Some have already assumed responsibility for the care of helpless infants without even bothering to inform the authorities.

An official of the Public Health Department of Coventry Council told that letters had been received from America, Canada and Elre seeking adoption of the Blitz babies.

## Many With Strangers

"A special committee meeting was held last week to go into the question," she said. "We are afraid that there will be a number of orphans. At present there are many children who lost their parents in the raid, living with neighbours, and even strangers.

"Immediate after the raid, people took children into their homes and they are still looking after them.

"We are accepting the offer of the gentleman who wants to adopt thirty orphans, but he has specially asked that his name should not be revealed."

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## MOTHER AND SON KEEP A VOW

When an eighteen-year-old lad joined the R.A.F. about a year ago his forty-year-old mother became a land girl, and they both took a vow to make a success of their new ventures.

They have kept their pledges. The son is now a pilot officer, and his mother has made the farm on which she works show a profit for the first time in years.

The woman is Mrs. Vera Kennedy, "Irish and proud of it," but prouder still of her son, Michael.

Mrs. Kennedy, who went to Canada at the age of nineteen, and spent ten years there farming, has been described as "a society woman."

"It's not true," she told a reporter: "I have neither the money nor the inclination for society.

"I'm just a hard-working woman doing her bit to help the old country.

"When war started Michael and I felt that it was up to us to play our part. He joined the R.A.F. and I joined the land army.

## Farm Was Derelict

"I do all the heavy work on a farm of more than 200 acres and any woman could do the same after a bit of training.

"The sooner women realise that the better it will be for the food situation."

Mrs. Kennedy modestly did not mention that she has made the farm pay.

But its owner, Mr. Sidney Vandenberg, former managing director of the margarine firm, did. And he was full of praise for Mrs. Kennedy.

"She does practically everything on the farm. When she took it over it was derelict. The transformation she has brought about is really amazing," he said.

## GOLDEN FLEECE

Rumanian customs officials became suspicious of blood on a flock of sheep Bulgarian peasants were taking out of Rumania into Dobruja.

Investigation showed hides had been cut, gold inserted under the skin, and the cuts sewn. Some sheep wore gold bells around their necks. The Bulgarians were arrested.

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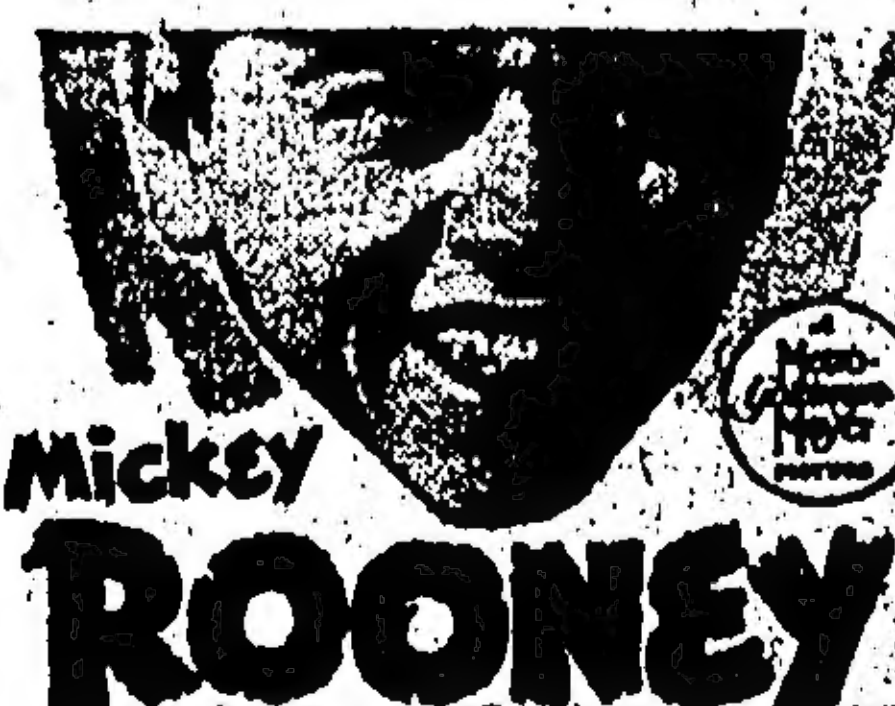
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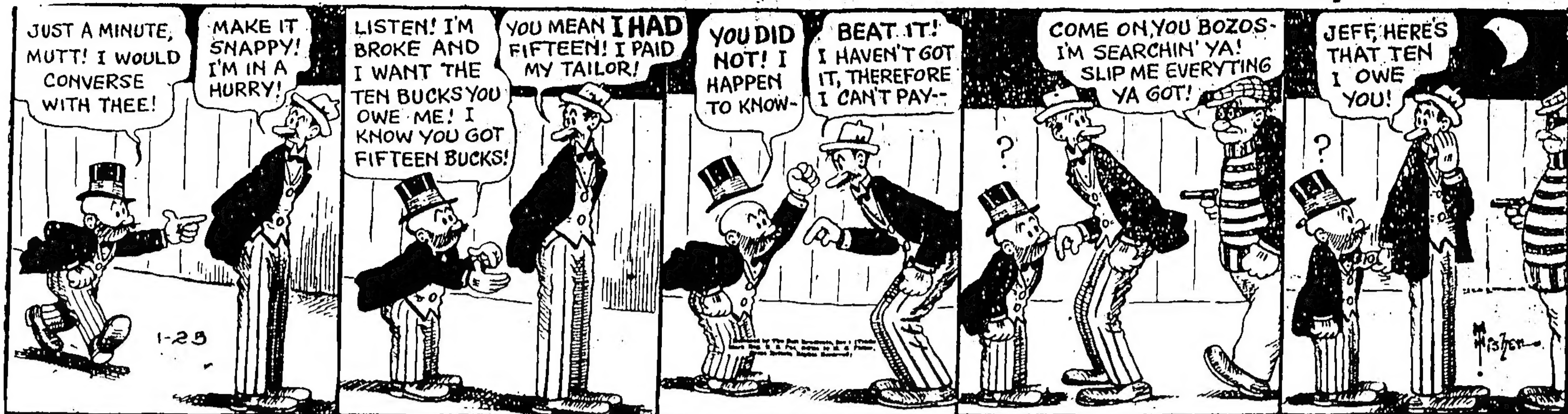


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## GIVES HILL TO NATION

About 100 acres, at Watlington Hill, one of the "bastions" of the Chilterns, rising to nearly 800 ft. and looking out north-westward to Oxford, have been presented to the National Trust, by Viscount Esher, with an endowment for upkeep.

The hill is mostly open down, but has fine groups of yews. At its foot, Icknield Way passes on its route from Swyncombe Down, past Shrubbery Hill and Beasen Hill, towards Prince Risborough. The National Trust have secured preservation of several spots on the western and northern escarpment of the Chilterns, including Coombe End Farm near Basildon, Aston Wood, near Stokenchurch, Whiteleaf Fields, near Mottis, Risborough, Coombe Hill, Wendover, Ivinghoe Beacon, and other lands near Dagnel, part of the Dimstable Downs and Sharpenhoe Beacon, in Bedfordshire.

Viscount Esher, a frequent benefactor, is chairman of the Finance and General Purposes Committee of the Trust.

## CHINA'S SPIRITUAL VICTORY ACHIEVED

"CHINA HAS ALREADY won a spiritual victory," declared a manifesto issued by the Second People's Political Council prior to its adjournment in Chungking yesterday.

The manifesto declares that China's policy of armed resistance and national reconstruction had been proven practical by nearly four years of the war. To-day, the world realised that China, engaged in a life-and-death struggle, was "the pillar of the Far East."

While Japan was losing confidence in her campaign, China's faith in successful self-defence was growing.

The European war, the manifesto adds, testified that China's policy was absolutely correct. No fewer than ten countries had collapsed as a result of the European war, and the conclusion is that the main factors for sustaining the fight and winning victory were unity of purpose and strong armaments.

The manifesto appeals to the nation to build itself into "a solid fighting body" and to regard national defence as the most urgent task.

Politically, the nation should seek closer cooperation, support the National Government and all its decrees.

### Appeal To Communists

Expressing confidence in the Government's sincerity in its pledge to introduce Constitutional Government, and declaring that the old idea of parties and cliques must be discarded and substituted by the new idea of a fighting nation, the manifesto urges the Communist Party to abide by its declaration of September, 1937, to support national unity and be loyal to the State consistently.

United command was the basic factor for victory.

### Food Shortage

The manifesto blames mismanagement as the principal cause of the food shortage and rise in commodity prices, and expresses the hope that Government will efficiently exercise economic control, readjust the currency situation, improve transportation facilities and regulate distribution and marketing.

The manifesto expresses appreciation of the concern and sympathy shown by Great Britain, the United States and the Soviet Union regarding China's war, pledges support of Government's policy of seeking closer cooperation with friendly Powers and hopes that the Government will make it unmistakably clear that any country supporting Japan's policy would be considered as China's enemy.—Central News.

## GERMAN 'PLANE GUNS BRITISH SEAMEN

A savage attack on a British ship by a Nazi plane off the English coast was reported when the vessel reached a north-west port. "The plane dived from a cloud with its engine shut off and dropped a couple of bombs on us," a seaman said. "The Nazi disappeared as quickly as he arrived, but he came back four times and raked the ship with machine-gun bullets, and also fired cannon shells. He seemed to be making a determined effort to wipe out the crew. We are lucky to be alive to be able to bring the ship into port."

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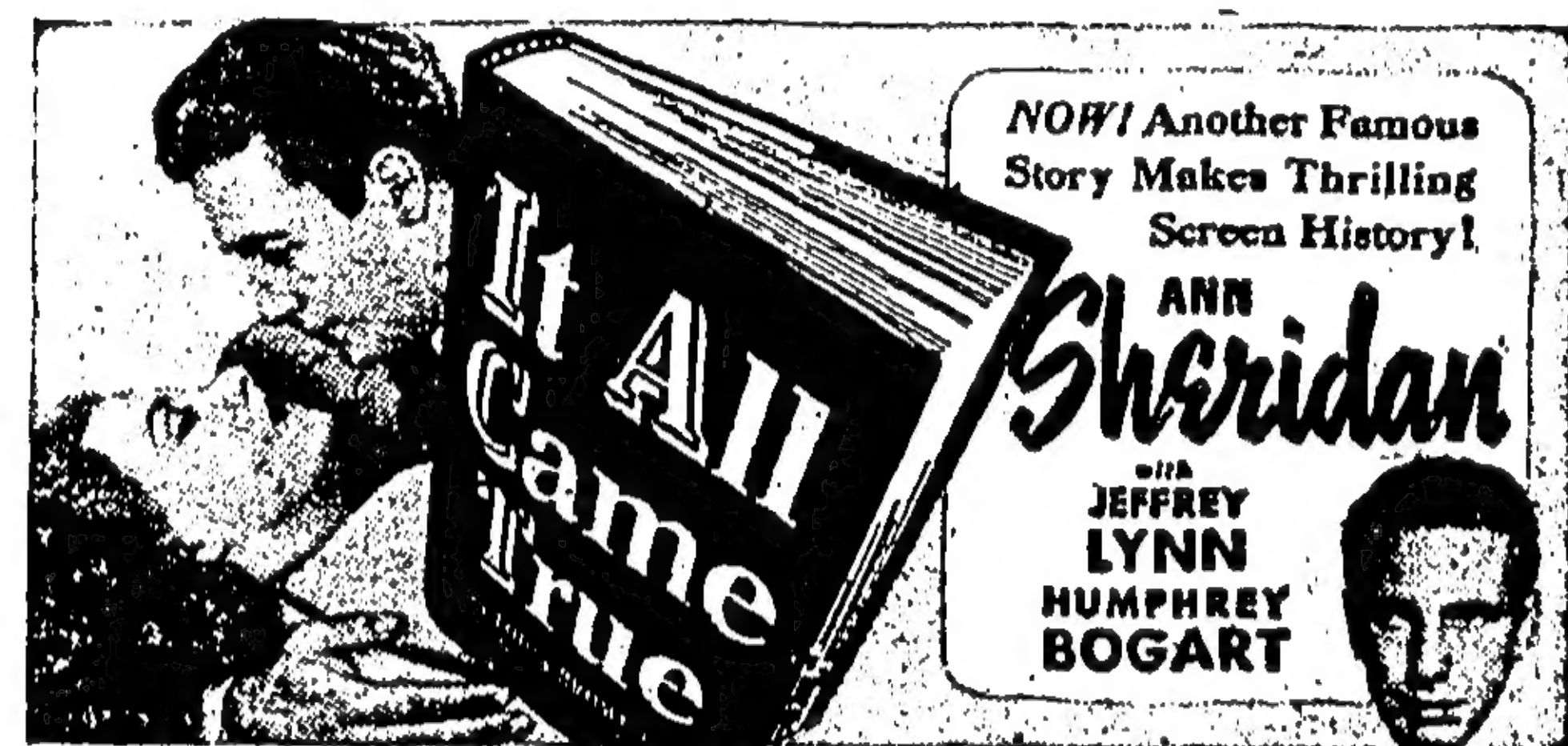
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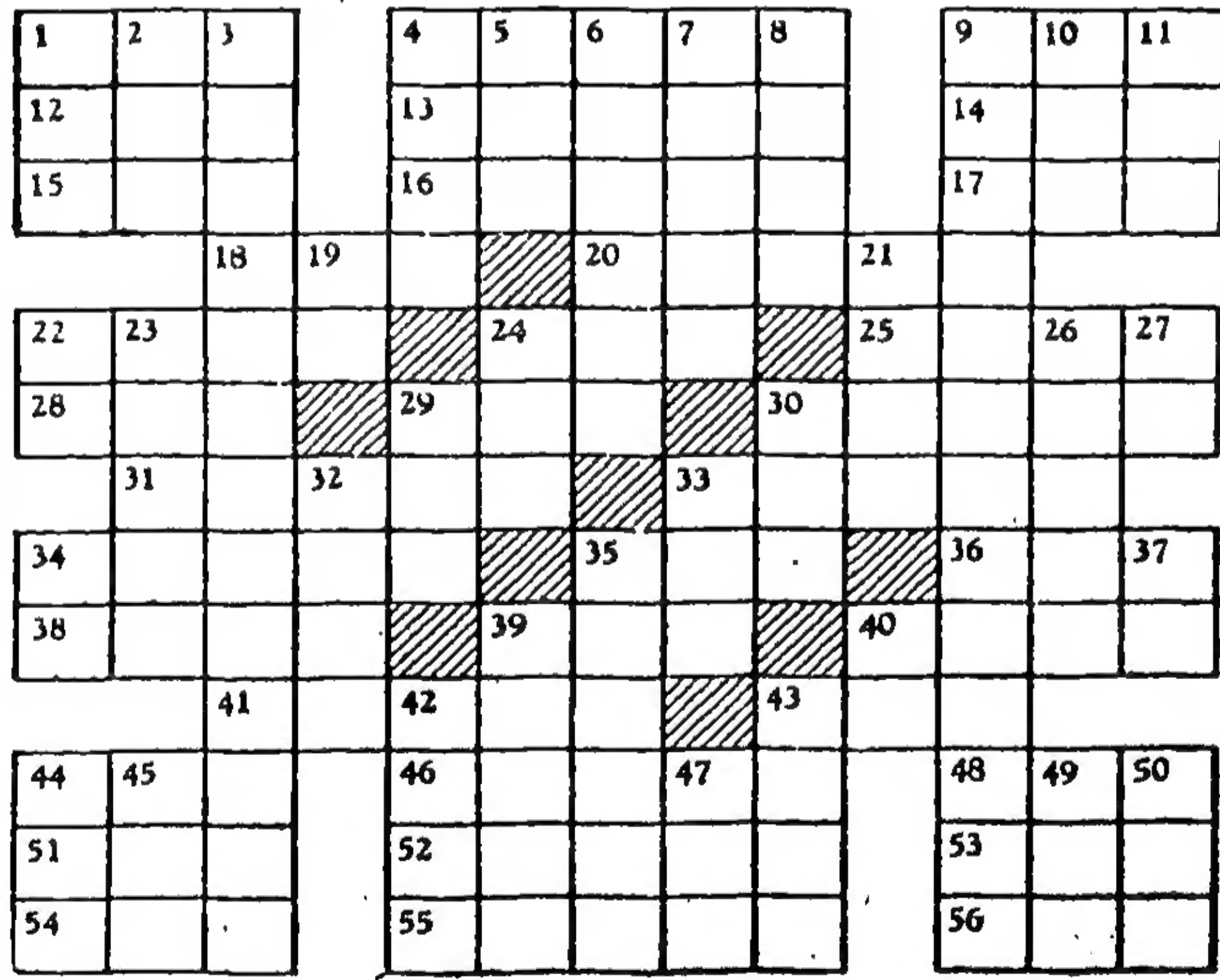


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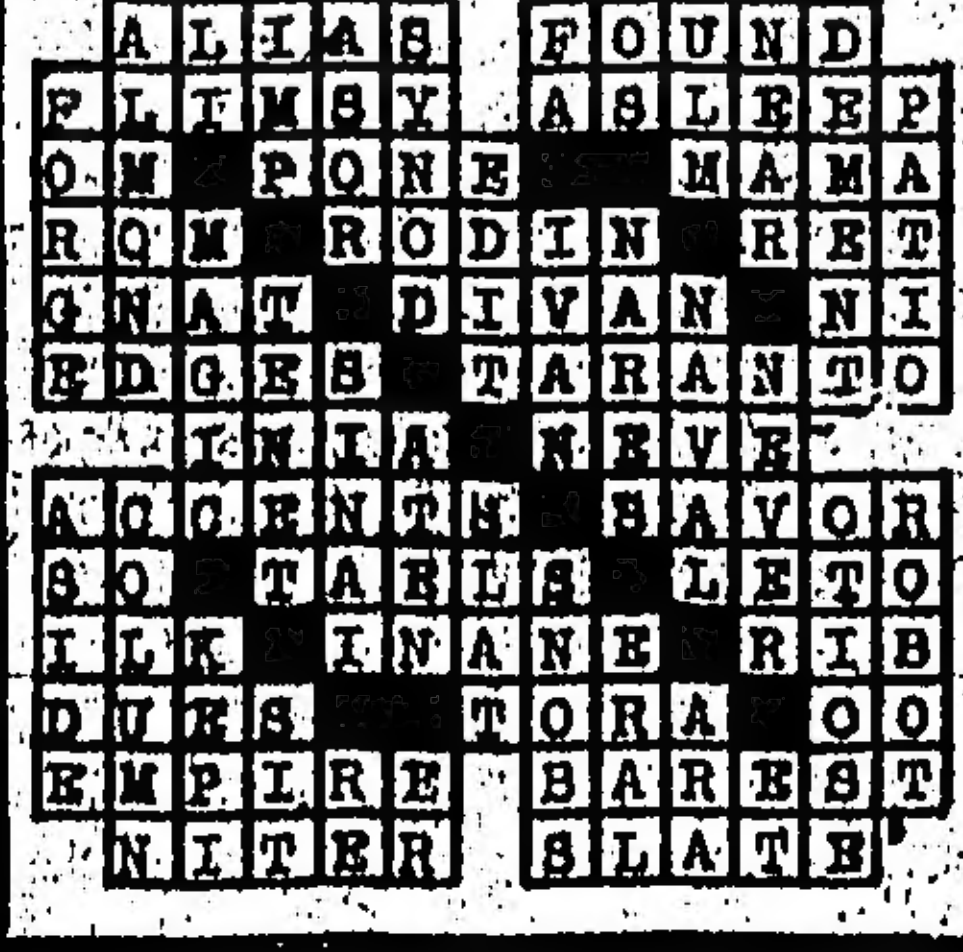
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### YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION





# SUBMARINES & AIRCRAFT FOR N.E.I. DEFENCE

THE FORTS OF NETHERLANDS INDIA ARE IN THE SKY AND BENEATH THE SEA. AEROPLANES AND SUBMARINES

They are the first lines of defence. For these islands, this is no mere figure of speech. They are the first and perhaps even the main lines. Their job is to damage, if not actually cripple, an attacking force before it comes within sight of land.

The Indies are banking, particularly, on their air force.

In some ways, it has been the pet and darling of both the fighting services for many years. Glenn Martin bombers have been purchased from the United States in large numbers. They have a full complement of dive-bombers and fighters, virtually all American-made. The ships are new and fast, perhaps faster than anything in this part of the world. The navy flies Dornier seaplanes, sleek, wicked-looking machines with torpedoes glistening in the undercarriage.

## Nearly 1,000 'Planes

(Lonesome ship in the Indies is a German Messerschmitt. It was privately owned, before the war. The owner donated it to the army, and it is used for ferrying officers around Java).

The numerical strength of the air force is a well-guarded secret, but estimates indicate that the colony can send nearly a thousand first-line ships into the air. Military airfields are scattered all through the islands. It is a safe guess that the Dutch have more bases concealed than known. There are American pilots assisting in the training work at both Bandoeng, the army headquarters, and at Soerabaja, the big naval base.

A ceaseless air patrol is maintained over the waters for a hundred miles around the islands. Dutch officers say it would be impossible for a hostile expedition of any size to approach undiscovered.

Here you have the first phase of the defence plan—to locate and strike while the enemy is still far at sea. The Dutch are not planning to wait to be attacked. They will hit out first.

## Plan Curtain Of Fire

While dive-bombers and probably torpedo-carrying seaplanes are working on the approaching ships, the Indies' second big weapon—submarines—will come into action. Here, too, the islands forces are strong. The official total of undersea craft is given as 20. It undoubtedly is an interesting piece of official understatement.

Development of the submarine fleet preceded even the extreme interest in aeroplanes. These islands, with their shoals and shallow waters, are a natural happy-hunting-ground for submarines. The fact was noted, long ago, by Dutch naval strategists. They have the ships and personnel to make full use of it.

So in the primary stage of fighting, the Dutch plan to stretch a curtain of fire, extending from above the clouds, to the bottom of the sea, across an invader's path.

At the same time, some of the static defences will come into action. The plan entails mining all the important channels into East Indian waters. In this respect, the Dutch are luckier than the British. They can surround themselves, entirely with mines, having no need to leave some channels open for food-carrying ships.

## To 'Soften Up' Enemy

They do not expect, with these weapons alone, to halt a strong, well-prepared attack. But they do expect to batter it badly, to soften it up for the land defences, the shore batteries and the troops lying in wait behind them.

In military and naval circles in Batavia, it is taken for granted that an invader can reach shore somewhere. There are more than 2,000 islands in the archipelago, and they can't all be defended. But, as the Dutch see it, unless the main islands were taken, the

## HE FEELS BRITAIN KILLED FATHER

Because he feels that the British Government murdered his father, who went down in the Arandora Star, Nemo Ermini, aged twenty, a naturalist, of Water Bend, Hemel Hempstead, Herts, applied to be registered as a conscientious objector at the S.E. local tribunal at Bloomsbury.

Ermini told the Tribunal that his father, a Savoy Hotel head waiter, fought for the Allies in the last war. He was interned in June last, later deported on the Arandora Star, and was posted as one of the missing.

Before this occurred Ermini had tried unsuccessfully to join the Home Guard. He resigned from the A.F.S. on hearing of his father's death.

"I consider that I lost my father as the direct result of the action of the Government," he said. "I feel as if they had murdered him for no reason except that he was born an Italian. In view of this I cannot conscientiously fight for England."

Mr. Stuart Horner, counsel on behalf of Ermini said Ermini's father was not a Fascist.

Judge David Davies, K.C., the chairman, said that notwithstanding the Tribunal's sympathy for Ermini, who had suffered a terrible misfortune, his name would have to be removed from the register of conscientious objectors.

## PETAIN IS SOLD OUT

Parisians have bought 3,500,000 portraits of Marshal Petain in aid of the prisoners of war fund, says the Havas Agency, quoted by Reuter.

## RED-HEADED WOMEN MADE HIM RICH

FORTY-FIVE YEARS ago, Frederick Armand Chaventre, a London hairdresser, read a book about ancient Egypt and the reigns of the Pharaohs.

One chapter intrigued him immensely. It was an account of the use of the henna plant for dyeing women's hair.

Mr. Chaventre thought that what was good enough for Cleopatra might be fashionable for London ladies, and experimented with samples of the plant.

Greatly daring—it was in 1897—he introduced his henna shampoos and dyes to the women customers of his Oxford Street shop. It was sensational.

fight would only just be beginning.

Having the advantage of nearby bases, they believe they can maintain command of the air, thus, with their submarines, gravely threatening the troops on shore by hacking away at the lifelines that feed them and their guns.—Associated Press.

The vogue spread like wildfire among the ladies of fashion. They paid £5 to £10 for the treatment.

## Prosperity

Mr. Chaventre, experimented further and made compounds which produced shades from blonde to black.

His discoveries were placed on a commercial basis. Mr. Chaventre became managing director of the company. It prospered.

But he had little interest in salesmanship. He went back to his hairdressing shop.

Last October, at the age of 74, Mr. Chaventre died.

His will just published revealed that Mr. Chaventre had left £58,000—a fortune earned by reading a book and glorifying woman's crowning glory.

## HITLER HAS DUCE BEHIND BERLIN ZOO BARS

Last year Hitler presented Mussolini with an armoured coach, such as the Fuehrer himself finds advisable. It is now disclosed that Mussolini's coach was constructed from melted down iron bars, taken from the Berlin Zoo!

Instead of the German eagle, they now cage the comparatively harmless "inflated bullfrog of the Pontine marshes."

Has Hitler a sense of humour after all?

## SUITS OF ARMOUR FOR PILOTS

British and American bomber pilots will soon be equipped with suits of bullet-proof armour which resemble a mediaeval coat of mail.

This armour is now being developed in the laboratories of the Breeze Corporation in Elizabeth, New Jersey, and plants will be making it within a few weeks.

The armour, in which the pilot sits in the cockpit, conforms to the shape of the human body, and protects from the head to below the knees.

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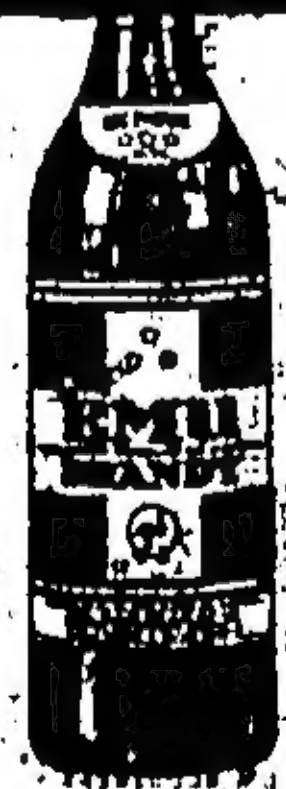
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## A NEW WAR IN THE DESERTS

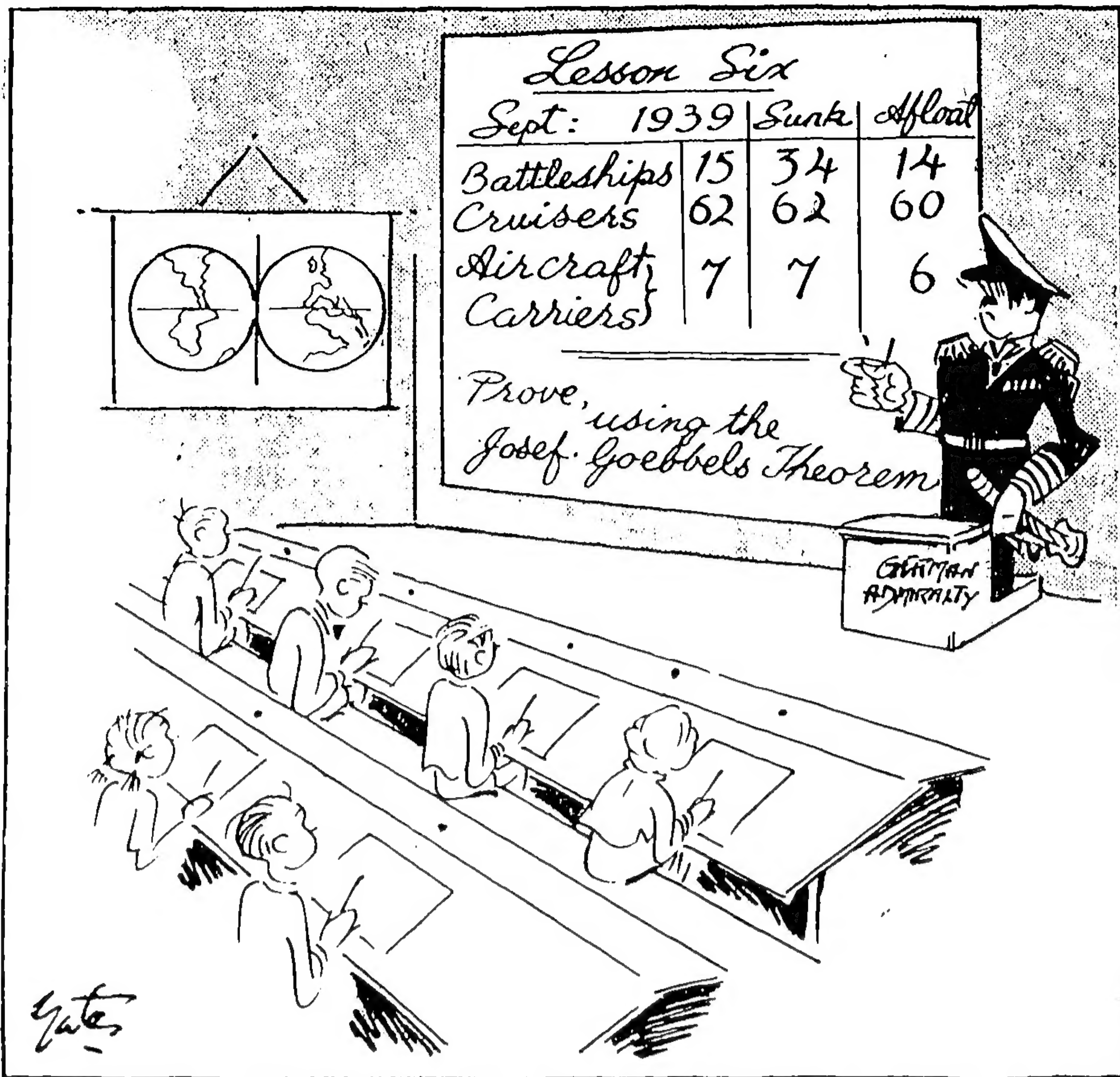
Many of us have thrilled over T. E. Lawrence's account of the desert revolt which in the last war drove the Turks back to Palestine and ultimate defeat by the armies of Allenby. The new war being waged by the Imperial forces and the Free French in Abyssinia, Somaliland, Eritrea and down in Libya round the Kufra and Jarabub Oases, promises an equally exciting story, but it will be different. Lawrence's was a tale of camel-borne Arab legions armed for the most part with primitive rifles—a few packages of dynamite and a very few machine-guns alone meeting the need for modern weapons. This new saga will be a story of machines, but it will have all the thrills.

The components of romance are all present: the three amateur explorers who for ten years had spent their vacations in the desert "for fun" discovered by Sir Archibald Wavell in the ranks of his heterogeneous army; the quick inception of the idea that they might lead a small patrolling force which would learn the enemy's dispositions and intentions; the rapid formation and training of armoured units to do the job, and the equally swift change, when the fray proved successful, to making this an attacking force to mop up oases and clear the back country, ultimately uniting with the army on the coast.

They covered half a million miles of desert, roadless and with never a repair shop in the vast expanse, these tanks manned by Britons and New Zealanders, few of whom perhaps had ever seen a tank before. They kept a rendezvous with the French coming up from Lake Chad within an hour of the appointed time, in an area of 10,000-foot volcanic peaks, with no guide but the sketchy maps of the region. Then together they took a fort by surprise and carried it, the French colonel being shot down within twenty yards of its walls. The surprise was so complete that passing natives, never dreaming that the British could be so far from their base, gave them the Fascist salute.

When the story is told, there will be the incident of the wounded man who was carried 790 miles by truck across the sand dunes and flown from a French airfield to a hos-

## THE NEW ARITHMETIC



Sept: 1939	Sunk	Afloat
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Aircraft Carriers	7	6

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QUOD ERROR DEMONSTRANDUM

# Mud And Rain Can't Stop 'em

By  
**William Gibbons**

"If there were soldiers or airmen in the middle of the Sahara we'd send a concert party to entertain them." So said a N.A.A.F.I. official to me. And having completed a tour with two of their parties on the English Sahara, Salisbury Plain—I can well believe him!

I chose this trip from a number he offered me. "What about Iceland, Middle or Near East, West Coast of Africa, Gibraltar or Malta?" he suggested. Salisbury was good enough for me.

So I went to see how some of the 1,200 odd artists, touring at home and those far-distant lands are entertaining the forces.

I made one blunder. I accompanied a Grade A company first. This, in the profession, is considered a luxury cruise. May be it is to them.

Anyway, I set out with 12 girls and one mere man—he's useful; he handles the piano rather well—who were playing in "Girls in Uniform," the first all-girl show sent out by N.A.A.F.I. I finished the tour with the Sing Song Four. That was the sticky end.

They, so I understand, are the lesser lights, and their job is to go around to out-of-the-way camps in an 8 h.p. ex-laundry motor-van complete with piano. The pianist is the driver—or is it the other way round?

Well, I thought, after the comfort of a de luxe coach, this would be something of a change. It was.

Without the piano and the several bags of dresses and other props, it might have been a relatively comfortable 30-mile ride over the Plain. Still, the two girls didn't grumble, so why should I?

The camp was certainly out of the way. We had to have a despatch rider to meet us and show

pital in Egypt, and of the captured mail pouch which yielded all the information that was wanted. Doubtless there will be a hundred other exciting happenings, at present unrecorded. The movie scouts should lose no time in getting after this new sequence. It may prove to be the most picturesque in the war.

us how to negotiate a cut 'cross country.

After wading through pools of water and mud, we found the concert hall. This, believe it or not, was the famous orange grove—yes, oranges were actually grown there—of the Marquis of Alibury's estate, for that's where we were.

An imposing building, fronted by huge colonnades, which, as Audrey, the soubrette, said, reminded her of Anthony and Cleopatra!

Inside was the canteen and recreation room with curious conversions and additions to make it a concert hall. There was no electric lighting, and the place was as cold as charity.

Six oil lamps were the footlights on a stage consisting of table tops! A couple of oil stoves were scrounged for the girls' dressing-room—a blanket nailed across a corner—and the show went on.

And what a show. There was just one minor mishap, but who would worry about that? Audrey put her foot through the stage, but there were officer-gallants to rescue her and repair the platform.

For two hours those four worked really hard and gave the troops some grand entertainment. I asked the Commanding Officer what the men thought of these N.A.A.F.I. shows.

"They'll give you their own answer afterwards," he replied. Sure enough they did when he asked them at the end if they'd enjoyed it and would like the four back again.

We had a last look at this famous old place at the invitation of the colonel. And what an odd spectacle we must have presented.

There in the main dining-hall of this ancient ancestry—now the officers' mess—we sat around the huge marble fireplace under the pale light of oil lamps, surrounded by the imposing portraits of a famous family, descendants of Robert Bruce, with Thomas, Lord Bruce, Earl of Elgin, father of the first Earl of Alibury "in the chair" at the head of the room. It's my hope that I've done

something to brighten what already promised to be quite a bright Christmas for those troops. They were going to have turkey and Christmas pudding, the colonel told me, and needed a little entertainment in the evening.

A sporting colonel he. When I suggested that the same four artists come back on Christmas night and give them another show, he readily offered his suite for the accommodation of the girls.

Well, back we had to go over the Plain to our "digs" with Audrey nursing a swollen ankle, but as happy as any little Audrey could be.

"A grand audience, and worth any trouble we may have had," she told me. And that's a point, you know.

After all that, I felt that the comfort of one's home meant everything.

Of course, "Girls in Uniform" was a really tip-top show, and believe me those girls are a little "high hat" since Queen Mary saw it recently.

I can quite understand Leslie's "inferiority complex." He won't have the piano on the stage with them, and at an R.A.F. camp we visited, he insisted on it being moved down to the floor—and in spite of all our efforts it got a jolt and lost a leg!

Still, Leslie managed to get his tunes out of it. He should. He's accompanied Gertie Gitana, Hetty King, Ann Penn and Derek Oldham.

And there's talent among those girls. One of them is Moya Macqueen Pope, whose family have been at Drury Lane since 1740. Moya appeared at the Lane with Ivor Novello, playing Fairy Queen in the 1938-39 pantos.

And what a personality is—but no, let's keep the name out. She's a grandmother. I had the pleasure of delivering the good news to her during the show. Yet she can do the high kicking stuff with the best of 'em!

There's another side to this business, which just goes to show what stuff these girls—and men, of course—are made of. N.A.A.F.I. have one of those little vans in which I travelled, with no fewer than 74 machine-gun bullet holes in it. The four artists, two men and two women, were caught out in a raid, and had to lie under the van for nine hours.

It was "granny" who, held up in a raid, stopped an R.A.F. motor-cyclist, and rode pillion at umpteen m.p.h. to be on time.

## India's Problems

In a word, the point has now been reached at which the British Government, with the back to it in the world, can take no major step in Indian politics unless Indians themselves create conditions of national unity in which it will be possible for full responsible government—Indian Home Rule if the term is preferred—to function peacefully and fruitfully.

To justify this apparently dogmatic statement it is necessary, in the first place, to go back to the beginning of the war, when Mr. Gandhi, speaking for the strongest and best organised section of Indian political opinion, namely, the All-India National Congress, demanded that India be granted national "independence" as a necessary preliminary to her devoting all her national energies and resources to the war against Nazi

By Professor John Coatman

aggression. Cogently, he argued that only through this development could the necessary spiritual forces and qualities be mobilised in India, and, just as important, only thus could Great Britain genuinely and without embarrassment stand forth in the eyes of the world as the champion "par excellence" of democracy and freedom.

Had Mr. Gandhi been speaking for all-India, and had the issue of Indian independence hung solely on the will of the British Government, his demand would, of course, have made it impossible for the latter to refuse it, except at the ruinous cost of showing that our basic claim, on which the unity and resolution of the whole British Empire depend, that we are fighting this war to ensure the survival of freedom and, even, civilisation itself, was a mere pretence.

But the immediate reaction to Mr. Gandhi's demand, inside India itself, showed that he was far from speaking for a united India, and, also, that there were powerful interests in the country actively opposed to the All-India National Congress, interests whose views could be ignored only at the most imminent danger of fierce internecine strife. Of these rival interests, the most important are the Indian National Mahomedans, of whom all but a tiny fraction are not only outside the All-India National Congress but are strongly—and increasingly—opposed to its claims and policy.

The role of the British Government in India is very far indeed from being that of autocratic dispenser of the country's political fate. Rather is the role that of guarantor of India's internal and external peace and, as far as her political development and status are concerned, arbitrator and guide.

There are eleven Provinces in British India, and the general elections of 1937, the first to be held under the new constitution, returned Congress governments in eight out of the eleven. Since the Congress Party, as we have seen, is almost entirely Hindu, this result meant the possibility of serious friction in those provinces under Congress governments where there were large numbers of Mahomedans.

And it is a matter of history that intercommunal relations deteriorated steadily between 1937 and the outbreak of the war.

It will be seen, therefore, that Mr. Gandhi's demand for "independence" for India was a powerfully descriptive factor in India's domestic relations. The Viceroy, after consulting representatives of all major sections of opinion, announced in October, 1939, that he could do no more than promise that there would be full consultation with Indian representatives after the war if this were found necessary and desirable, and that during the war he could have a representative body of Indians associated with his government in a consultative capacity.

This reply pleased nobody and settled nothing. Nevertheless, in view of the almost unanimous feeling in India in favour of the Empire's struggle against the Nazis, the Congress leaders decided to do nothing to embarrass the Government. Moreover, Mahomedan, Princes, and other opinion steadily hardened against Congress and it became clear that any direct action on their part would be setting a match to a powder magazine. Lord Linlithgow, therefore, continued his efforts to get agreement among the various interests but without much success.

The Mahomedan demand now is for the creation of a Mahomedan India and a Hindu India, a conception which is clearly ruinous to Indian national unity.



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## HOW WE ENTERED BARDIA

# EYE-WITNESS OF BATTLE IN LIBYA

(By A Special Correspondent)

IT IS NOW POSSIBLE TO RECONSTRUCT MORE COMPLETELY THE BATTLE IN LIBYA WHICH RESULTED IN THE BRILLIANT VICTORY OVER THE ITALIANS AT BARDIA AND THE OCCUPATION OF THIS STRATEGIC PORT AND THE REGION SURROUNDING IT.

I am able to write of the final phase as an eye-witness. For the first time war correspondents on this front were given the opportunity to watch a major operation in progress.

All-night bombardments by the R. A. F. the Mediterranean Fleet and field artillery on Wednesday and Thursday entirely misled the Italians, as they were intended to do, as to the actual time of the British attack, although they knew it must be coming.

After this sappers started at 5.30 a.m. on Friday to cut two of the thickest wire fences of the outer defences of Bardia about five miles west of the town in the southern sector. This was to permit Australian infantry to take up a position in a deep trench encircling the perimeter of the defences.

These forces covered another party of sappers who quickly rushed up and blew in and filled in the trench to allow British tanks, followed by Australian troops, to cross. By now the Italians realised what was happening and they started heavy artillery fire.

The plan was, however, gallantly carried out. Tanks and infantry drove ahead and started to clear up the area on the south side of Bardia port, particularly Wadi-Antarah, where a stiff defence and two Italian counter-attacks were repulsed.

### Intense Shelling

All Friday night we could hear from our camp below the escarpment in front of the town the intensive bombardment from sea and land on Italian defended positions in the whole area. The enemy retaliated by shelling

Sollum, two miles away on the Egyptian coast, and Capuzzo, the captured Libyan frontier fort. They also bombarded the escarpment and our forward positions, but without effect.

Our forces made rapid progress. Most of the defence posts in the southern sector soon fell into our hands, but some enemy batteries were still active and actually firing when we approached at noon on Saturday the Australian headquarters.

Here a most affable senior staff officer in a dug-out office deep below the surface of the desert explained the operations and how they were progressing. Then he delegated an intelligence officer to accompany us to brigade headquarters right forward, which was carrying out the final operation.

We drove some distance to the front line while shells whistled overhead from our guns on the left and from those of the Italians on the right. But the Italians had not the range of our batteries. All their shells burst on the wrong side of the road, though coming nearer every minute.

Early in the drive we passed a camp for prisoners of war. We were told that 10,000 were already being sorted out for removal into Egypt.

Approaching Brigade Headquarters, we traversed a great wire wall more than 6ft high and wide. Mussolini caused it to be erected from the sea to Jarabub, a distance of about 175 miles, at a cost of £1 a yard, to keep, vainly as it turned out, Libyan Arabs from escaping into Egypt. It looked somewhat neglected.

We also passed the now well-known Fort Capuzzo. As a result of our artillery and bombing duels with the Italians, only a shell remains of the fort itself, with the frontier offices and the triumphal arch which records the Italians' capture of the place in their colonising campaign. The arch is now a convenient road indication for convoys of war correspondents.

### Minefield Found

We crossed the outer perimeter defences of Bardia. These comprise a very strong barbed-wire, shoulder-high fence and a deep trench, the one which our sappers filled in at the beginning of the action. Just beyond and running parallel were the remains of a minefield. This was discovered by an Australian sapper convoy, thereby saving hundreds of lives.

Early in the afternoon we reached Brigade Headquarters. They were situated at the side of a precipitous wadi, or dried-up river-bed or valley, parallel to that in which Italian troops and the native population of Bardia took refuge when the British Navy started its intensive bombardment of the town. It was steep and stony. Wild and infrequent vegetation was the only cover between the crevices.

We were told it was intended to take Bardia that night. Here in effect we saw all the preparations for the advance. Bren gun carriers were hidden behind the rocks, while lying on the sides of the wadi to escape attention from the air were innumerable groups of "Aussies" waiting the order to go forward.

Meanwhile they were snatching a few minutes' sleep or enjoying a smoke. Some hurriedly ate a meal or wrote letters home, joking with us, as we passed, over the coming fight.

From battalion headquarters in the middle of this wadi we saw far to the south tanks and Australians cross the skyline towards Bardia. This was the beginning of the final attack.

### Tank Success

Their first objective was to silence enemy batteries that were still a nuisance in the southern sector. We saw the flashes from the tank guns as they advanced. Shortly afterwards the skyline from the same direction was darkened by several large groups of prisoners marching towards us.

We moved down the wadi toward Bardia, picking out way over rocks and reclining Australians. We climbed up the steep and difficult east side to get a better view of what was going on. To the north we could see the roofs of Bardia's houses and the minaret.

We watched the progress of tanks and infantry while the light lasted. They completely silenced the Italian guns that were their objective. Then they moved on westwards to take part in the occupation of Bardia and the surrounding region.

Firing from both sides continued. Enemy shells landed harmlessly at the side of the wadi, just above battalion headquarters. An Italian bomber which came over was the only evidence of enemy air activity beyond an occasional reconnaissance flight during the whole of a remarkable day.

For a moment we thought it was intended to bomb our troops in the wadi, in which case we would have been in a decidedly uncomfortable position. Two British fighters, however, were cruising above, and the Italians thought better of it and disappeared.

When dusk approached we decided to go back and arrange with the brigade to spend the night and move to Bardia early next morning. To our delight we got permission to follow the second wave of Bren-carriers and infantry reinforcements towards the town.

### In Italian H. Q.

Bardia itself had little in the nature of defence works. These were all concentrated on the outside. Between the town and the ring of defences I noticed two "forts," almost entirely subterranean, on either side of the road.

We were received outside the courthouse, now much damaged. In it were found traces of what was believed to be the headquarters of Graziani, the Italian Commander-in-Chief, by the Australian major who commanded the force which cleared up the southern sector and entered the town at four p.m.

We were told that in the southern sector all was quiet except in a small area which would be settled that night. The Australians said the tanks were marvellous in the way they sailed on the guns every time. No sooner did the Italians see them than they gave up. This confirms what prisoners said about the Italian troops being scared by tanks.

There was no resistance in the town. Prisoners everywhere were only too pleased to surrender. It was related that when an Australian officer with eight men appeared at the mouth of a cave and shouted, to his amazement out came 2,000 Italians one after the other.

### 3,000 Controlled By Five

As an illustration of the docility of the prisoners, we overtook in the darkness an enormous column walking towards Capuzzo, headed by a solitary lorry. The driver told us that he and four guards were in sole control of these prisoners, numbering 3,000. More guards were unnecessary, as the prisoners were highly relieved to get out of the war.

One officer among the prisoners, in reply to a remark about how well he spoke French and English, said he had been a cadet in the French Army, and served with

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# STALIN FINDS A NAZI PLOT IN RED ARMY

STALIN'S PURGE of traitors in Nazi pay is extending. Behind the gigantic Hitler plot to sabotage the Soviet arms industry, the OGPU have now unearthed a further German plot to disrupt the Soviet political machine and the Red Army.

Immediate action has been ordered against all commissars and high officers who come under OGPU suspicion.

## HOW WE ENTERED BARDIA

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the British in the last war. To our comment, "Then why fight against the British now?" he repeated, "Why?" with a significant shrug of the shoulders.

When we entered Bardia a severe fire was burning merrily as a result of Fleet action. The place is not large, but what there is seems attractive. The houses are built of white stone and have spacious rooms. Many suffered severely from shellfire and bombing.

Fascist headquarters were a scene of desolation. The officers' mess was ruined. A meal still lay on the tables.

Data secured indicated that our information regarding the presence of Blackshirt legions and metropolitan Italian divisions in the Bardia garrison were substantially correct. To these must be added detachments of the Guardia della Frontiera, Frontier Guards.

It is known that the Italians attached supreme importance to Bardia from a political as well as a strategic point of view. That was why its defences were so strong. Several high officers captured included Gen. Bergonzoli, commanding the 23rd Corps and the defence of Bardia. Barely a week ago he assured Mussolini that Bardia was impregnable.

### Fort Becomes Depot

Other prisoners were the head of his intelligence service, Major Barengo, and Col. Nardinocchi, commanding a brigade. After the latter's father, Romano Nardinocchi, was named a fort which we passed close to the Australian headquarters. We now use it as a depot.

Bardia looked attractive in the moonlight and the glare of the fires as we left. The captured town was strangely silent and still haunts me. The only sound breaking this quiet was the cry of a tiny child running in search of his mother, apparently all who remained in Bardia.

We met a company commander who had just returned with his men from a "strafing" trip against surviving Italian batteries. They left at noon, and after two hours were back. The job was accomplished by sniping the gunners one by one, and then calmly going up to the four guns and trundling them back with them.

There are many individual efforts of gallantry. I like best the story of two youngsters, scarcely of military age, who as soon as the wire was cut, made off under cover of darkness with Bren guns to one of the defended posts nearby. They returned an hour later with 70 men and much material.

The spirit of the "Aussies" is wonderful. Nothing seems to daunt or tire them. They went into action "cooeing," shouting "Bardia or bust," and singing the well-known Australian song "Waltzing Matilda," and "We're off to see the wizard, the wonderful wizard of Oz."

Although for a long time they had arduous work with little or no rest, they were always most cheerful, greeting us with the characteristic "Thumbs up" gesture.

Schadenko, Vice-Commissar of Defence for the whole of the Soviet Union, and Political Commissar of the Red Army and Navy, has been summarily dismissed and is under house arrest.

The Kremlin, in addition, has made a clean sweep of dozens of minor political officers accredited to the army, navy and air force commands.

### Traitor Plot

Secret reports have also been submitted to OGPU headquarters of the political activities of certain generals and staff officers.

The discovery has been made that certain officers belonging to German military mission and liaison units serving with the Soviet Army, ostensibly to organise them more efficiently, have been trying to convert Russian military leaders to Nazi-ism.

In a number of cases they have succeeded. Several Russian Ukrainian officers have come under special suspicion.

For a vast Hitler plot has come to light for snatching the Ukraine from Russia and tacking it on to the German "Empire."

### Fifth Column

Primary moves in this plot are being taken by Hitler himself. He has been holding secret conversations in Berlin with the Pretender of the Ukrainian throne, the Hetman Nicholas Skoropadski, with the idea of administering the Ukraine as a puppet German State.

Skoropadski's job would be to organise a "White Russian" Fifth Column inside Russia and the Soviet army.

These discoveries have influenced Stalin in his decision to put the Red Army in full mobilisation.

## FAGIN SECRET OF CHILD THIEVES

Modern Fagins who train and organise child thieves are being sought by the police in slum areas of Manchester.

Hundreds of boys and girls, many still at school, are becoming so skilled at the tricks of stealing from stores, warehouses and small shops, that they are more difficult to catch than the professional burglar.

"When the boys and girls come before us we find in many cases that behind the simple theft there is obviously something much deeper, but we have failed to get the children to divulge who employs them," a magistrate told a reporter.

"Many boys would in the ordinary way be sent to approved schools, but nearly all these are full. We cannot send the youngsters to prison, and the result is they go back to their homes and just carry on where they left off."

Chief reason why the police believe the juveniles are being organised is the nature of the goods stolen.

Recently large stocks of rationed goods, such as butter and sugar have disappeared from shops.

A headmaster in one of the slum areas said: "Much of the stuff the boys and girls steal is of no value to them, and I feel certain they know where they can get money for it."

## ITALIANS USING DUM-DUM BULLETS

Italian tactics in Albania daily grow more desperate, a correspondent cables from the front.

Among my souvenirs of the fighting are soft-nosed dum-dum bullets which the Italians certainly used in the northern sector. They create a wound as large as a fist.

The bombing of the hospital area in Salonika is another instance of Italian savagery.

## CUSTOMS SEIZE VITAMINS

The Bermuda customs insisted that Madame Elsa Schiaparelli, the famous dress designer, who arrived in New York soon after the collapse of France, and is now returning to Paris aboard the Siboney, has been required at Bermuda to hand over vitamin concentrates worth several thousand dollars.

The Bermuda customs insisted that such concentrates were food, and consequently contraband if sent to France.

Madame Schiaparelli says she is going back to Paris because she has heard that the workers in her dress salon there are "in a very bad plight."

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By Order of the Board of Directors,

D. W. MUNTON,  
Manager.

Hong Kong, 8th March, 1941.

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The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

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By Order,

C. B. BROWN,  
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 10th March, 1941.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held in the P. & O. Building, Victoria, in the Colony of Hong Kong at 11.15 o'clock in the forenoon on THURSDAY, the 20th day of March, 1941, or as soon thereafter as the Ordinary General Meeting of the Company shall have terminated for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following resolutions:—

1. That the Directors be and they are hereby authorised to capitalise the sum of \$3,000,000 Hong Kong currency, part of the undivided profits of the Company standing to the credit of the Company's Reserve Fund, and to allot to the members holding shares of the Company as on the first day of April One thousand nine hundred and forty-one in respect of the net amount capitalised fully paid shares of the Company of equivalent nominal value in the proportion of one share for every three shares of the Company held by them respectively and that such shares so allotted shall rank for dividends as from the 1st day of July, 1941.

2. That if on such distribution as aforesaid any person would be entitled to a fractional share the Directors shall, in lieu of issuing fractional certificates, cause the whole share to be allotted to a person or persons to be named by the Directors and such share shall, at such time as the Directors think fit, be sold and the proceeds distributed amongst the persons entitled to the fractions making up such share.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.,  
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Hong Kong, 21st February, 1941.

NOTE Under the powers conferred upon them by Article 12 of the Articles of Association of the Company, the Directors have decided to offer to Shareholders on the Register on the 1st day of April 1941, one share at par for every complete three shares held by them (excluding the Bonus Shares to be offered to them under the preceding resolution) upon the terms that payment for such shares shall be made to the Company's Bankers, The Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, Hong Kong on or before the 30th September 1941 and that Shareholders be given power to renounce their rights under such offer and that no rights attach to any fractions. The shares taken up under the above offer shall rank for dividends as from 1st day of July 1941. Formal letters of offer, acceptance and renunciation will be sent to Shareholders as soon as possible after April 1st next.

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The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 15th MARCH, 1941, to WEDNESDAY, the 26th MARCH, 1941, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
C. M. MANNERS,  
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Hong Kong, 7th March, 1941.

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The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 18th to 31st March, 1941, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
E. COCK,  
Chief Manager.  
Hong Kong, 10th March, 1941.



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### Misplaced Courage By The Four Aces

"Please comment on this hand," writes J. G. W. of Buffalo, N.Y. "I was the North player in the enclosed deal and weekly wrote down 1,500 above the line for the opponents without opening my mouth—until my partner grumbled about his hard luck! Now take a look at the hand and see whether luck had anything to do with it!"

East, Dealer  
North-South vulnerable

♠	J 8 5 3 2	♠	K 9
♥	3	♥	2
♦	8 5 2	♦	Q J 10 9
♣	K Q 10 5	♣	7 4 3

West Pass  
North Pass

The bidding:  
East 3♣ South 3♥ West Dbl. North Pass

"South insisted that he couldn't let the opponents shut him out when he had a six-card major suit—particularly when he knew that the opening bid was of the shut-out type, based on a weak hand. He claimed that he was just unlucky to have found the biggest hand in the world at his left. Some of the things I said at that point might be better excluded from a family newspaper, but the point is that he still thinks he's right. Please straighten him out."

We feel a deep sympathy for North; we've been taken for many rides by "brave" partners who wouldn't let anybody shut them out of the bidding. But we're also a little sorry for South—it was a little unlucky to have found such a rock-crusher at his left!

But that doesn't mean that we have anything good to say about his bid of three hearts. To be perfectly blunt about it, the bid was dangerous and pointless. Dangerous because the carnage might be fearful (as it indeed was) if West held most of the outstanding strength; pointless because North could take action without the three-heart bid if North instead of West held most of the outstanding strength. For the life of us we cannot see anything to recommend such a bid—except perhaps the courage of the bidder.

Yesterday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you held:

♠	K J 10 9 6 3
♥	Q 5 4 2
♦	8 3
♣	J

The bidding:  
Malec You Schenken Jacoby  
3♣ (?)

ANSWER: Pass. With all the Aces and three of the Kings out against you, some further bidding can be expected. If your partner is strong enough to take part in the further bidding, you can show your strength; otherwise, you will just get yourself into trouble.

Score: 100% for pass, 20% for three spades.

### Question No. 662

To-day you held the same hand and the bidding continues:

Malec You Schenken Jacoby
3♣ Pass Pass Dbl.
Pass (?)

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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## FORGERY OF WILL

Accused of forging a will with intent to defraud, James Frederick Oakley Witcher, aged thirty-eight, was sent for trial at Portsmouth.

Mary Maud Turner, a South-sea boarding-house keeper, said Witcher had lived at her house for nine years. Several times he proposed marriage, but she refused him.

Frequently he asked her to make a will. She refused, but on November 20 she found in her bureau a will naming Witcher as executor.

It purported to leave all her possessions to her "Dear fiance and friend, J. Witcher." The signature was not hers.

### "As A Joke"

In August she was left £50. She had furniture valued at £500 in her house. Witcher knew this.

Detective Ashby stated that Witcher said: "I did it as a joke." In a statement he added:

"I was afraid Miss Turner would do something desperate to herself, and I wished to have the right to handle her affairs. 'I thought if she died I was entitled to some of her property.'"

He pleaded guilty to writing the will but said there was no intent to defraud.

## LIKED HIS WIFE TO BE UGLY

"MY HUSBAND IS SO JEALOUS OF MY LOOKS THAT HE FORCED ME TO BE A SCARECROW," ASSERTED MARION CURTIN, TWENTY-ONE, ONE OF NEW YORK'S MOST BEAUTIFUL PHOTOGRAPHERS' MODELS, IN DEFENDING A DIVORCE ACTION.

Marion said that her husband preferred to remember her loveliness as it was when he met her to taking the chance of losing to another man.

So he forced her to wear frocks two sizes too large; to avoid beauty parlours; and to wear no make-up.

However, in spite of all this, her husband told the Court she was guilty of misconduct with several men.

## CORONER'S COURT BOMBED

Because of raid damage at the City of London Coroner's Court, an inquest into a fire which occurred in November could not be resumed and arrangements were made for it to be held elsewhere.



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## Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



## A PAGE FOR WOMEN Erect, Easy Posture

It is part of my profession to go to fashion shows, debutante parties and graduation exercises of schools which train young girls and women to make the most of themselves. Every time I attend such a function I want to rub home and write a column about THE IMPORTANCE OF GOOD POSTURE.

Professional models (that is, the majority of them) soon acquire easy, graceful carriage and they make the most of their appearance. A model, times more glamorous than they really are. And the girls and women who have earnestly attended six weeks of beauty training do learn how to walk and dance and sit in erect posture. But alas, many of the debutantes (and other girls of that age) slump around in such a fashion that the clothes they model for charity's sweet sake look like old sacks instead of inspired creations.

One would think that these young girls, who have many advantages in life, would learn to carry themselves proudly and beautifully. But they do not—they are lazy, or frightfully lazy.



JOAN LESLIE, demonstrates the easy grace of standing correctly. No stiffness is apparent.

The third rule is, "Take care of your spine." Don't give in to its desire to slump. Teach it to keep erect and then your head will be held in place keeping your throat line young and preventing a "dowager's hump" to form.

Your fourth rule is, "Learn to let your feet take you places." By that I mean you should push your body forward when walking. If you hold the upper part of your body in healthy, normal position your feet and legs will carry you wherever you want to go with little or no hip and buttock sway. That stride is called "regal" the step queens master despite heavy trains and crowns!

Yes, I am convinced, that if a young girl masters good posture she has fifty per cent of the glamour she ever will need! The simplest of dresses looks like a million dollars on the girl who knows how to carry herself and who keeps her figure nicely proportioned through healthful living!



The gay young blade says the one thing that gets him down is a weighty conversation.

### Baked Pepper Pot Mold —a delicately spicy luncheon party dish.

Dorothy Greig

GRANNIE once remarked, "To gather fame as a cook, serve dishes that are just a wee bit unusual, enough to arouse interest, but not so unusual folks are suspicious of them."

I think if Grannie had ever met my Baked Pepper Pot Mold she would have promptly added it to her "wee bit unusuals". It is of a light spongy texture with an unexpected delicate spiciness of flavor.



I like to make it in a ring mold and pile the center high with fresh green brussels sprouts and surround it with buttered whole cooked carrots. It's one of the dishes I save to serve as the main hot dish at luncheons, although it makes an appetizing Sunday supper dish, too.

**Ingredients:**  
2 eggs  
1 can condensed pepper pot soup  
1 cup milk  
1 tablespoon pimiento, diced  
2 cups bread, cubed  
Beat the eggs lightly and to them add the condensed pepper pot soup. Then add the milk, diced pimiento, and bread cubes (made from bread at least one day old). Pour mixture into a greased ring mold (about 7 inches in diameter) and let stand for 15 minutes. Bake in a moderate oven (350° F.) for 35-45 minutes or until firm. Unmold on a hot platter or chop plate. Fill the center with buttered brussels sprouts, garnish with whole-cooked buttered carrots, strips of pimiento and parsley. Green peas may be used for center, instead of brussels sprouts if desired.

that they are indifferent to destroying their beauty. Poor posture becomes a bad habit that is not easy to correct. And poor posture indulged in over a period of years invites chronic illness which robs many lives of happiness.

### Be Glamorous

If you keep your body limber through exercise, there isn't a reason in the world why you cannot walk gracefully in attractive position. Every curve of your body takes on more beauty if you carry yourself in this fashion. Your bosom is held high in normal position, your head is up with eyes facing the world directly, your midriff is held in and your buttocks are tucked under. Naturally, if you don't wear high heels and attempt to walk a few blocks you are going to throw all this alluring alignment out of order — so your first rule is to wear lower or medium height heels for walking.

The second rule is to firm your midriff muscles through exercise. "Begin refashioning in the middle," is a beauty slogan for all women. If you stand up and pull in your abdomen you will notice that your chest lifts higher and your buttocks automatically tuck under. These muscles should be kept plastic all through your life.

## TO ALBANIA BY BARGE

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So extensive is the damage done by R.A.F. raids on Valona and Durazzo that the Italians, making little use of these ports, are trying to send reinforcements and supplies from Italy to Albania by small craft.

These can enter bays and coves along the coast at night. Lighters, barges, coasters and fishing vessels are being used instead of transports and cargo steamers.

It takes much longer this way to move stores or troops, but that is the price the Italians are obliged to pay to elude even temporarily the R.A.F.

High Italian officials are leaving Albania with their families. The Benito d'Italia at Tirana has sent to Italy all gold, silver, and valuables from the vaults.

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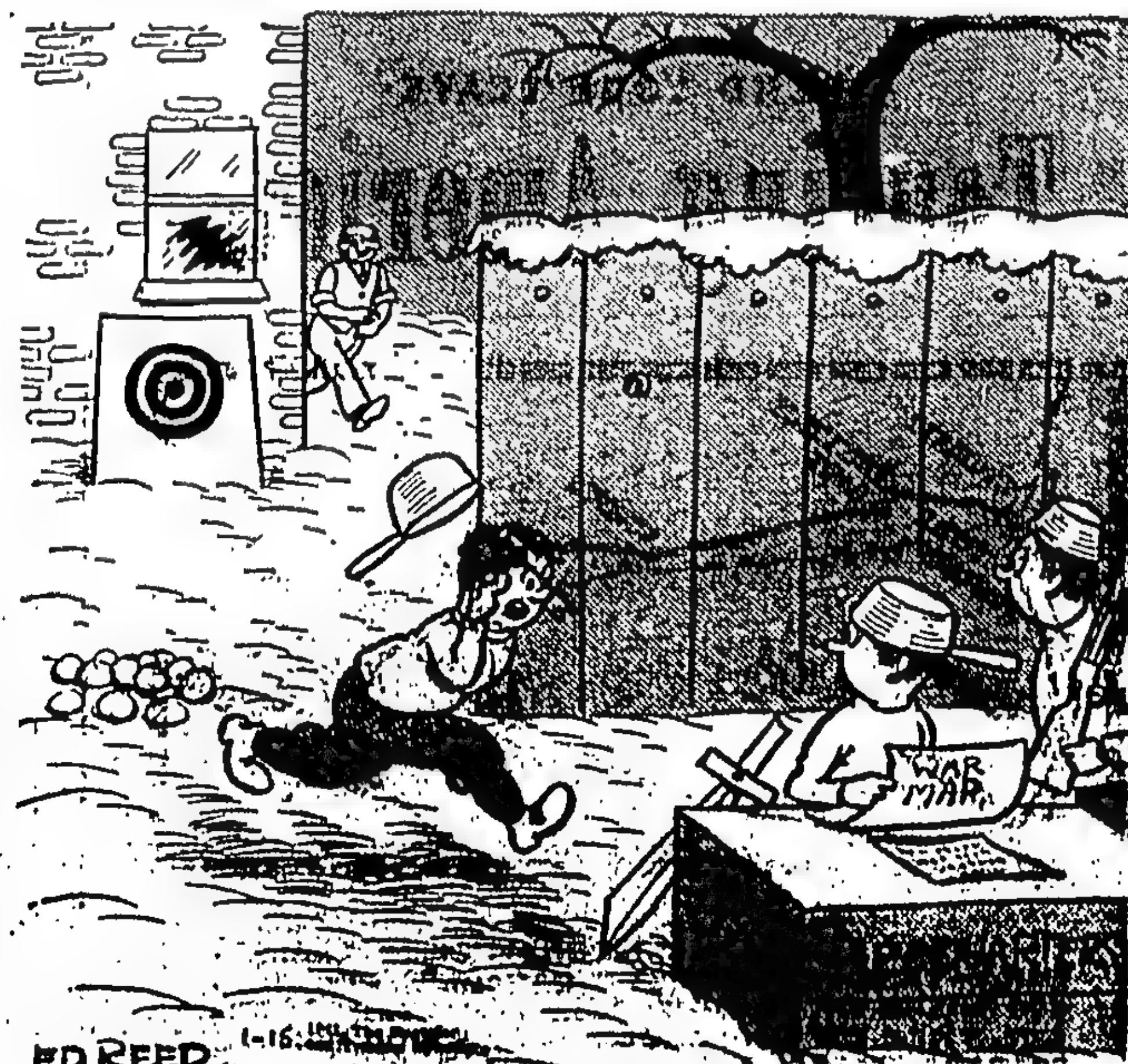
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Calcutta and Straits	Mar 21
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USA, Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco date, 28th February)	Mar 22
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### FRIDAY, MARCH 14

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MONDAY, MARCH 17

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*Awata Maru	Sunday,	30th Mar.
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*Lima Maru	Thursday,	20th Mar.
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12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession.  
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 Water Boy (arr. Robinson).  
 Cool River (Johnson & Layton).  
 Was it Rain? (Handman).  
 12.40 p.m.—Victor Silvester and His  
 Ballroom Orchestra.  
 1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal.  
 1.01 p.m.—Harry Roy's Tiger Rag.  
 1.13 p.m.—Debroy Somers Band.  
 Savoy Minstrel Songs—Intro: Old  
 Black Joe; Campdown Races; Oh!  
 Suzanna; Some Folks Do, Nelly  
 was a Lady; Old Uncle Ned. We  
 are coming; Old Folks at home  
 with Male Quartet.  
 For the Forces (an Allied Medley).  
 1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press, and  
 Announcements.  
 1.45 p.m.—Puccini's "La Boheme" Act  
 IV. Sung by Artists and Full Chorus  
 of La Scala, Milan, with Orchestra.  
 2.15 p.m.—Close down.  
 2.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.  
 3.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quota-  
 tions.  
 6.32 p.m.—Borodin—Symphony No. 2 in  
 B Minor. 1st Mov. Allegro, 2nd  
 Mov. Scherzo Prestissimo and Alle-  
 gretto 3rd Mov. Andante, 4th Mov.  
 Finale-Allegro. London Symphony  
 Orchestra conducted by Albert Coates.  
 7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.  
 7.15 p.m.—London Relay—From the  
 Old Country. Talk by Robert Donat.  
 7.30 p.m.—Talk by M. Baron, General  
 de Gaulle's representative in the Far  
 East.

7.35 p.m.—Charlie Kunz at the Piano.  
 Charlie Kunz Piano Medley No. 9.  
 Intro: Love is everywhere; Ev'ry  
 single little thing of my heart; Roll  
 Along Prairie Moon; The wheel of  
 the Wagon is Broken; Love me  
 forever; It's an Old Southern Custom.  
 Charlie Kunz Piano Medley No. 10.  
 Intro: I'm in the mood for love;  
 Everything's been done before;  
 Dancing Time.  
 7.45 p.m.—Ambrose & His Orchestra.  
 Fox-Trot—Rosita; Rumba Fox-Trot—  
 The Gaucho Serenade; Fox-Trots—  
 There's That Look In Your Eyes  
 Again; Head over Heels (both from  
 'Head over Heels'); Quickstep—Are  
 You Havin' Any Fun? (from 'The  
 Little Dog Laughed').  
 8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and An-  
 nouncements.  
 8.02 p.m.—Ravel—Bolero. The Lam-  
 oureux Orchestra of Paris conducted  
 by the late Maurice Ravel.  
 8.19 p.m.—Songs by Ninon Vallin (So-  
 prano).  
 Les Sirenes—Valse d'Amour & Wald-  
 teufel; L'Adorable Cantilene (Spencer-  
 Chapelle); Valse de L'Adieu  
 (Chopin-Calmes).  
 8.30 p.m.—Studio—Talk on A. A. Milne  
 by Father T. Ryan, S.J.  
 8.50 p.m.—Elgar—Triumphal March  
 (from 'Caractacus', Op. 35). London  
 Symphony Orchestra conducted by  
 Lawrence Collingwood under the su-  
 pervision of Sir Edward Elgar.  
 9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.  
 9.15 p.m.—London Relay—Questions of  
 the Hour.  
 9.30 p.m.—Dance Music by Harry Roy  
 and His Orchestra.  
 No Name Rag, Rumba, The Lady  
 (Continued at foot of Next Col.)

## VILLAGE SCHEME SETTLEMENT

Numerous enquiries are reaching the Chairman and members of the sub-committees appointed in connection with the Government's proposal to encourage village settlements on the southern shores of Lantau and along the coast of Port Shelter in the neighbourhood of Ho Chung, Sai-kung and Tai Wan.

Such enquiries relate to the allocation of plots of land for settlement purposes. Members of the general public are requested to send to Government Medical Headquarters in the National City Bank Building, No. 2, Queen's Road, Central, written applications containing the following particulars:—

- (1) Name
- (2) Address
- (3) Race
- (4) Place and date (actual or approximate) of birth
- (5) Period of residence in Hong Kong up to the 1st of March, 1941
- (6) Present and past occupations and period so engaged
- (7) Number of dependents, if any, with ages, sex and relationship to applicant
- (8) Knowledge and experience of farming, animal husbandry, cultivation of vegetables (including pepper) fruit (citrus, bananas, lichees, etc.)
- (9) Locality where applicant desires to settle (Lantau or Port Shelter)

Likes To Love: Fox-Trots—Old Man Moon (film 'Topper'), Foolin' Myself, Quicksteps—Sugar Foot Stomp, Milenberg Joys; Fox-Trots—Your Broadway and My Broadway (film 'Broadway Melody of 1938'), Yours and Mine (film 'Broadway Melody of 1938'); Waltz—Aln' Cha Comin' Out?

10.00 p.m.—Songs by Leslie Hutchinson at the Piano.

It's A Long, Long Way to Your Heart (Pola-Brandt); So Little Time (Hill-De Rose); My Heaven on Earth (film 'Start Cheering').

10.10 p.m.—Robinson Cleaver (Organ) and Patricia Rossborough (Piano).  
 Magyar Melody—Selection; Paris Honey-moon—Selection; Bird Songs at Eventide (Eric Coates)—Intro; A Brown Bird Singing (Haydn Wood); By The Waters of Minnetonka (Laurance)—Intro; Indian Love Call (Frit).

10.23 p.m.—R. and Crooks (Tenor) in a Light Orchestral Concert.  
 Choristers' Waltz (Phelps), Dream of Autumn (Joyce), London Novelty Orchestra; O Song Divine (St. Ives-Temple), Richard Crooks (Tenor) with Orchestra; Raindrops—Pizzicati for Strings (de la Riviere); Bournemouth Municipal Orchestra cond. by Sir Dan Godfrey; A Dream of Paradise (Lytleton-Gray); Richard Crooks (Tenor) with Orchestra; A Fairy Ballet (White); Bournemouth Municipal Orchestra conducted by Sir Dan Godfrey; My Sunshine is You (Stolz); Richard Crooks (Tenor) with Orchestra; Serenade (Moszkowski); Carroll Gibbons and the Savoy Hotel Orpheans; Springtime Reminds me of You (Rotter-Jurman); Richard Crooks (Tenor) with Orchestra; 'Two Love Sonnets' (Gade)—Why? Because... Alfredo Campoli & His Orchestra.

11.00 p.m.—Close down.

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(13) Date applicant is desirous of going to the village settlement and number, ages and sex of dependents whom he wishes to take with him.

## CHINESE YEAR BOOK

The Fifth Issue of The Chinese Year Book, prepared from various official sources by the Council of International Affairs, Chungking, has been published and is on sale at the Commercial Press.

The said Council has enlarged the scope of the annual survey, and 1940-1941 issue being the second on the Sino-Japanese War and the Wartime Government, it is really a record of the Chinese Government and its people in the defence and reconstruction of their nation during this critical moment. Those interested will find this Year Book most valuable.

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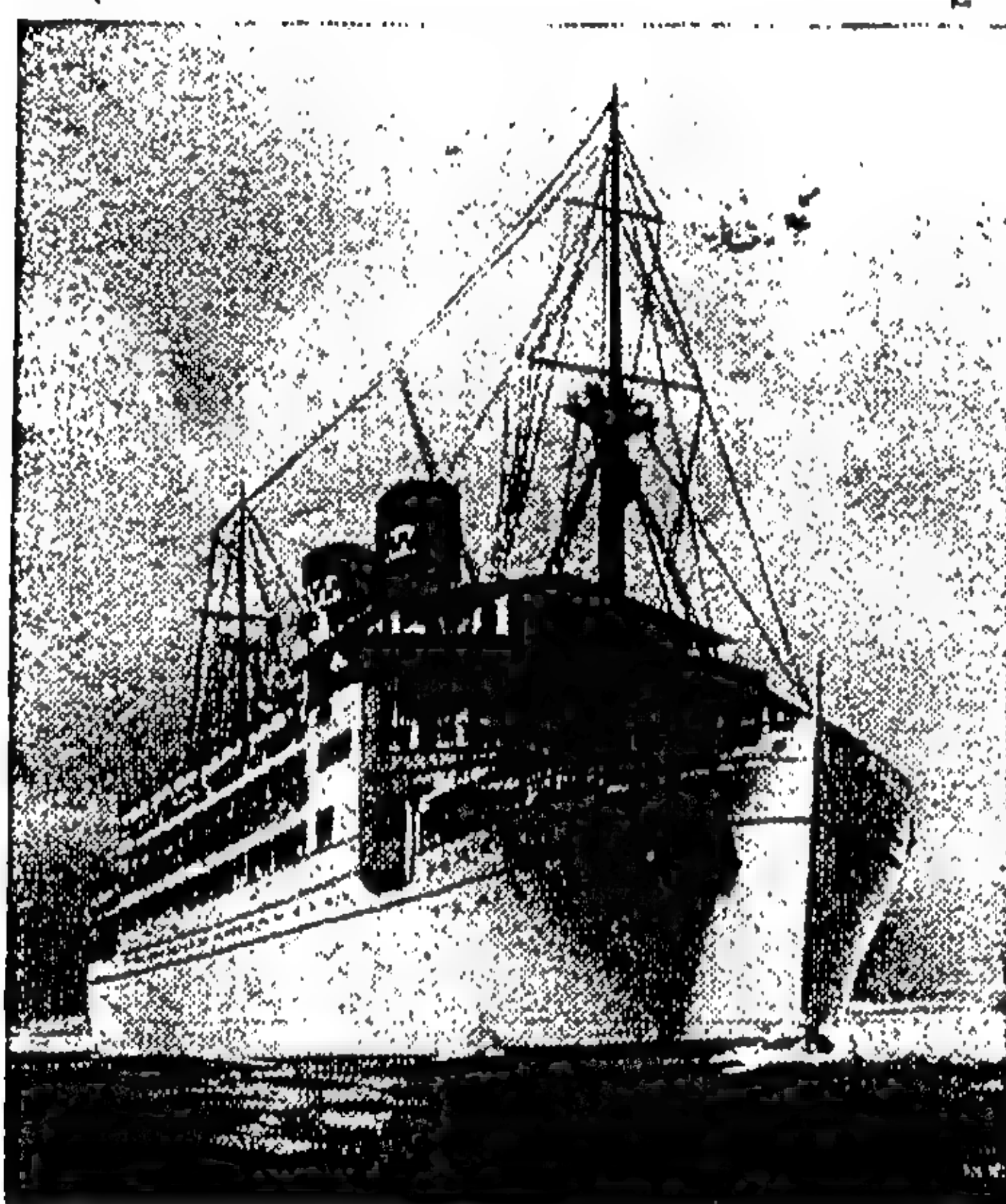
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## SOFTBALL

# INTERNATIONAL SERIES DELAYED ANOTHER WEEK

## Great Britain Sub-Divided Into Three Sections

### Only Two Teams Likely For The Ladies' Series

By "Grandstand"

Due to the heavy showers which caused the week-end softball programme to be cancelled, the few remaining fixtures scheduled for the next two weeks have been pushed back for another week, resulting in the opening of the International series, tentatively set for March 23, being delayed for another week at least.

In view of the above postponement, it is assumed that the date for the closing of entries will be extended, but this is not yet certain. At a recent Committee meeting, it was anticipated that there would be a larger number of entries than former years, and representatives of nations were appointed.

A noticeable change in the grouping of teams, is that the Great Britain contingent will be further sub-divided into England, Scotland and Ireland, whilst newcomers to the series are Canada and Malaya.

## Officials

J. Welford and Fred Hemslay will be in charge of the English squad, with Jock Phillips managing the Scottish contingent, and Dave Leonard and Plug Gillespie looking after the Shamrock aggregation. "Sunburn" Omar and Kassa Nazarin will represent India and Malaya respectively.

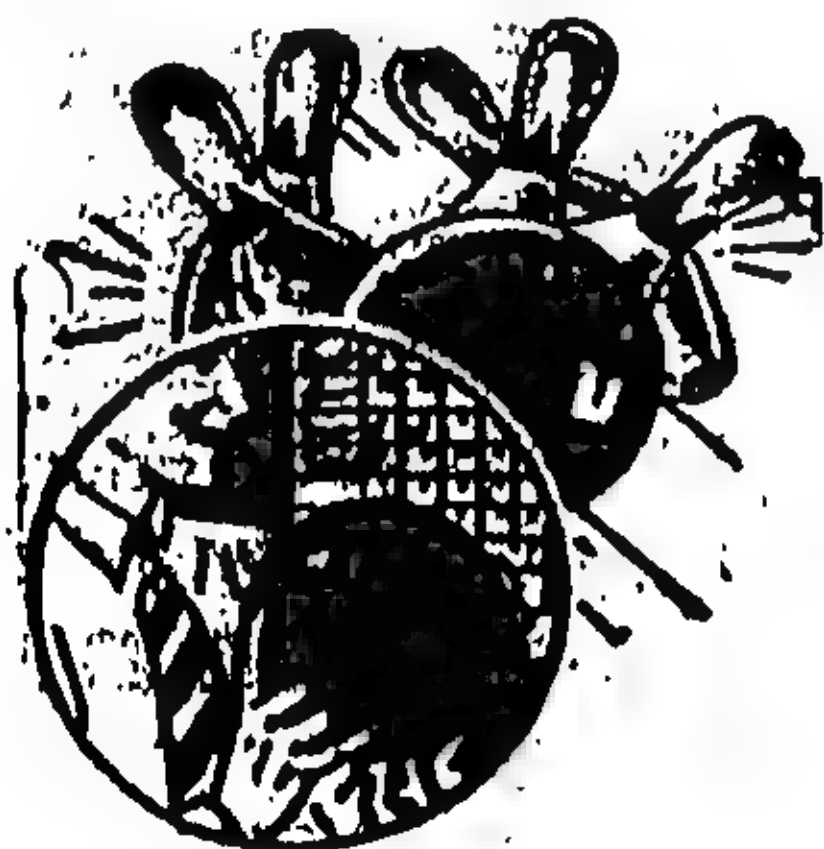
Representatives for the other nations are as follow: Portugal—Rui Noronha and Henry Barros; China—Abe Liu and F. C. Leung; U.S.A.—Chas. Waggoner and F. J. "Doc" Molthen; Canada—Pinky Higgins and Dave Walker; Philippines—Lucio Idefonso and Dave Amper.

## Ladies' Series

Participants in the ladies' series are not yet ascertained, but it seems to this corner that China and Portugal will be the only nations to be able to put up teams, in which case it might be more interesting to run the series on a "best out of three" basis.

CONN'S LUCKY  
TOKEN

To remind the trade that he is Irish, Billy Conn, World Lightweight champion, punches a light training bag dyed green. The bag has now become something more than a national emblem. It is also by way of being a lucky token as Conn has yet to lose a fight since he started using it. On the last occasion he k.o.d. Bob Pastor, who once went the full distance with champion Joe Louis.

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## BATTING AVERAGES

By "Grandstand"

To date only four willow wielders in the Senior league are left in the 400 circle. The lead is being held by Eddie "Doctor" Gasano, but it is Dave Leonard, the Bam, who has driven many a chucker to despair, not to mention the showers, backed by his slugging lead of .925, that this corner considers the most spectacular hitter.

With the League drawing to a close, the Association is faced with an enigma in deciding on whom to confer the batting title in the ladies' loop.

Whereas it will be an easy matter for the authorities to decide on the Senior League title from the records, complete box-scores of all games having been kept, it will be another matter to select the batting queen, as only records for the second round of the League have been kept, and for another reason, the figures are hardly suitable, when one considers the habit of calling off games after five innings of play, when a stronger team meets a very much weaker one, thus handicapping the players of the stronger team from piling up their batting figures.

The alternative is to choose the champion by vote, and here again the Association is stumped in deciding on those qualified to vote.

## "Screwly Provision"

Another screwly provision, which is already being discussed in Junior League circles, is the condition that the Limjap trophy, symbol of Second Division supremacy, will be the property of the team winning the junior championship three years running. Since the winner of the Second Division will automatically be promoted to First Division for the next season, it will therefore be impossible for any team to possess the trophy permanently.

## C.C.C. CRICKET SELECTIONS

The following have been selected to represent Craigengower Cricket Club in League cricket matches on Saturday, at 2.00 p.m.: 1st XI (v. Recreio, home)—E. Zimern (Capt.), T. Edgar, E. H. Esmail, H. G. Foreman, A. J. Hulso, M. O. Hung, A. K. Ismail, E. J. Mitchell, W. Hong, Sling, G. Souza and J. L. Young, 11-12.

2nd XI (v. K.C.C., away)—A. M. Omar (Capt.), N. Broadbridge, U. H. Esmail, A. B. Hamson, A. Hung, C. W. Lam, E. A. Leo, J. W. Leonard, S. Leonard, T. Lock and W. K. Way.

## GRAPHIC GOLF



## Clearing The Hitting Action

By BEST BALL

To "clear the tracks" for a free swing through the ball, it is of course necessary to have the left hip well out of the path of the stroke. It is also essential to have the left arm in the best possible position to carry out the swinging-through mission. If the left hand grip is too far under the shaft, the elbow is turned in oftentimes causing a slight constriction between the upper part of this arm and the body. As the stroke descends, particularly in the impact area, these two parts of the body become cramped together preventing further free movement of the left arm and causing the stroke to collapse.

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## ENGLISH CAVALIER GOES LAME

By "Rapier"

English Cavalier, an old griffin, China Pony, formerly belonging to Mr. Eu Tong-sen, and now owned by Mr. T. C. Yuen, was sent out for a gallop this morning and, after completion of its exercise, it was found to be lame. The Chinese riding boy had to dismount near the six furlongs post, and the pony was led back to the stables.

## ARMY SNOOKER

Following are the results of the Garrison snooker matches, played on Monday:

R.A. Sergeants (Stanley) drew with Signals Corporals, 3-3.  
R.E. "A" drew with Signals "A", 3-3.  
R.E. Sergeants beat Police 4-2.  
R.A.M.C. beat R.A.P.C. 5-1.

**LEAGUE STANDINGS**

	P	W	L	D	Pts.
R.A.M.C.	11	8	1	2	44
R.E. Sergeants	11	7	2	2	42
R.A. Sergeants	11	6	1	4	37
C.M. Police	11	2	4	5	31
R.E. "A"	11	2	4	5	31
R.A.P.C.	11	1	3	7	28
Signals Cpls	11	2	8	1	27
Signals "A"	11	3	7	1	26

Pte. Whybro, R.A.M.C., made a break of 28 against L/Sgt. Chalcraft, R.A.P.C., in the Silver Spoon Trophy match on Monday.

## THE EUROPEAN WAR DEALS HARD BLOW TO GAME OF TENNIS

THERE WERE NO LOBS AND VOLLEYS AND CANNONBALL SERVICES ON ENGLAND'S FAMOUS CENTRE COURT AT WIMBLEDON LAST SUMMER. INSTEAD, A BOMB THREATENED ITS DESTRUCTION, WRITES DILLON GRAHAM FROM NEW YORK.

Australia, too, was at war and the Davis Cup Adrian Quist and Jack Bromwich won the year before at Philadelphia was not put up for competition. Too many countries were affected by the European catastrophe.

And so tennis, dealt perhaps the hardest blow of any sport, lost its international flavour. There were some fireworks on the home front, however, with cocky little Bobby Rigg, dethroned after a one year reign as Donald Budge's successor.

## Big Upset

A lanky, blond Oklahoman, Donald McNeill, upset Rigg to win the National singles championship. This triumph climaxed a fine season for McNeill, one that sees him claim also the National clay court and intercollegiate singles crowns.

McNeill, from Kenyon College, had whipped Rigg in the clay court finals in four sets in early summer. But the National at Forest Hills was another thing. Everyone—including Rigg—thought that Bobby, an inspired performer when he wanted to win badly enough, would hand Don a dressing-down before the swanky society crowd at the Nationals.

And it looked like Rigg as Bobby took the first set 6-4 and pulled away to the second, 6-6. Few thought that any amateur could spot Rigg two sets and win. But McNeill got his game under control and began outpointing Rigg. He took the third set at 6-3, the fourth at the same score.

Surely Bobby had been coasting a bit and had saved enough to rush through that last deciding set. But he hadn't. The southwesterner took that series of hard-fought games at 7-5 and the most valuable crown in tennis was his.

## Success Easy

With Alice Marble at her peak the women's championship was just a formality. She raced through without the slightest difficulty, dusting off Helen Jacobs in the final's 6-2, 6-3. Tennis enthusiasts didn't know it then but they were watching Alice win her last amateur championship. A few months later she answered the call of gold and turned professional, along with Mary Hardwicke of England.

Queen Alice paired with Sarah Palfrey to win the women's doubles and with Rigg to take the mixed doubles championships.

Jack Kramer and Ted Schroeder won a surprise victory in the men's doubles. Out of his fall Rigg managed to save one championship—the indoor, in which he beat McNeill in five sets. Sarah Palfrey whipped Pauline Betz to take the women's indoor singles.

—Associated Press.

## SUNDAY'S HOCKEY

Following are the matches to be played on Sunday in the Hong Kong Hockey Association Tournament:

10.30 A.M.  
Royal Engineers v Police "A"  
6th A.A. "A" v Police "B"  
Recreio v Nomads  
6th A.A. "B" v Gunboats  
4 P.M.  
C.B.A. v Destroyers  
Khalas v Signals



## SHELL JUNIOR TABLE TENNIS TITLE

The Shell Club table tennis Junior Championship was decided at the Club's premises in Shell House on Monday, when Wai Yum-chee defeated A. M. Silva by three games to one. Wai was undoubtedly the better man and well deserved his victory, playing a steady game throughout.

Wai took things rather easily in the first game and coasted on to a 21-10 decision with some well-placed shots. Although the second game showed signs of developing into a patball session Silva put up a better defensive show, and fully extended Wai before the latter could take the points. In the third game Silva adopted a more aggressive attitude and earned a hard-fought game, by playing out the full points.

Wai, however, proved he was the better man by winning the fourth game 21-15 to annex the championship.

Scores: 21-10 22-20 20-22 21-15

The Senior Championship having reached the Final stages, will be played off some time next week, between Wong In-sun and Cheuk Kwai-chuen.

## HONG KONG FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

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BADMINTON PAIRINGS

Following are leading Badminton league pairings —

"A" Division

P.	L.	W.
W. Chee and C. K. Lee	12	0 12
University "A"		
F. Chiu and P. K. Hui	9	0 9
University "A"		
S. Bun and M. S. Lim	6	1 5
University "A"		
P. Young and Y. P. Young	6	1 5
University "B"		
Aus and H. Koh (Chinese "Y")	12	7 5
J. Remedios and H. F. Goncalves (Recreio)	15	10 5
A. Oliveira and A. M. Rodrigues (Recreio)	15	10 5
Koh and C. Y. Yung (Chinese "Y")	15	10 5
Au and F. Koh (Chinese "Y")	6	2 4
H. Wong and P. C. Lau (Chinese "Y")	9	5 4
A. Carvalho and A. M. Silva (Recreio)	15	11 4
K. Lee and S. L. Yung (University "B")	3	0 3
S. Lim and S. F. Yung (University "A")	3	0 3
T. Chin and F. L. Yung (University "B")	6	3 2
H. Hon and H. F. Chiu (University "A")	3	1 2
K. Cheuk and K. D. Lin (University "B")	3	1 2
Amplavanan and A. P. Lee (University "B")	3	1 2
P. Young and Y. P. Young (University "A")	3	1 2
H. Wong and C. Y. Yung (Chinese "Y")	3	2 1
H. Wong and T. W. Wong (Chinese "Y")	3	2 1
Au and P. H. Wong (Chinese "Y")	3	2 1
B. Low and S. Amplavanan (University "B")	3	2 1
K. Cheuk and S. Amplavanan (University "B")	3	3 0
Koh and T. C. Lau (Chinese "Y")	6	6 0

"B" Division

P.	L.	W.
L. Fisher and P. Wynter-lyth (K.C.C.)	21	3 18
J. Smith and P. Wilson (St. John's)	18	1 17
Eardley and D. Kwok (St. John's)	15	0 15
F. Fincher and H. Kew (St. Andrew's)	18	4 14
M. Xavier and S. A. Rum-ahn (V.R.C.)	18	5 13
P. Chan and K. J. Atwell (K.C.C.)	12	0 12
Gillies and L. Gordon (Police)	21	9 12
F. Chiu and S. C. Liang (Chung Wah)	12	2 10
P. Chan and W. C. Chung (King's)	9	0 9
E. Brown and S. A. Gray (St. Andrew's)	15	6 9
H. Choy and W. C. Choy (Chung Wah)	9	1 8
C. Leung and K. F. Chiu (Chung Wah)	12	4 8
er Lo and J. Tsang (Kow-oon Tong)	15	7 8
M. Davies and B. Gilles-ke (St. Andrew's)	15	7 8
L. Lui and W. C. Chung (King's)	9	2 7
Odell and M. Talan (J.R.C.)	12	5 7
Lam and K. H. Lo (King's)	15	8 7
L. Anderson and H. S. Jones (K.C.C.)	15	8 7
C. Pereira and E. A. R. Ives (Recreio)	9	3 6
T. Woo and K. L. Lui (King's)	9	3 6
A. Yvanovich and P. P. Botelho (Recreio)	6	1 5
Maynard and G. S. Ladd (St. John's)	21	16 5
E. Xavier and A. E. Noronha (Recreio)	9	5 4
Ramler and B. Godkin (J.R.C.)	12	8 4
Basto and M. M. de V. Soares (V.R.C.)	15	11 4
F. Chiu and P. C. Leung (Chung Wah)	3	1 2
C. Liang and K. F. Chiu (Chung Wah)	3	0 3
F. Chiu and W. H. Choy (Chung Wah)	3	0 3
A. R. Alves and B. T. Osano (Recreio)	3	0 3
Zimmern and D. Hazell (K.C.C.)	3	0 3
Lawrence and A. E. Noronha (Recreio)	3	0 3
Hazell and A. E. P. Guest (K.C.C.)	6	3 3

D. Kwok and E. Kennard (St. John's)	6	3 2
A. E. P. Guest and E. Zimmern (K.C.C.)	6	3 3
J. L. Anderson and D. Hazell (K.C.C.)	6	3 3
H. S. Jones and A. E. P. Guest (K.C.C.)	3	1 2
F. H. Kwok and R. E. Lee (Kowloon Tong)	3	1 2
F. H. Kwok and J. Chan (Kowloon Tong)	6	3 3
R. E. Lee and K. M. Lee (Kowloon Tong)	3	1 2
S. C. Chan and Lee Po (Kow-loon Tong)	3	1 2
F. S. Li and S. C. Liang (Chung Wah)	3	1 2
R. E. Lee and P. C. Fletcher (Kowloon Tong)	3	1 2
K. L. Lui and J. Pan (King's)	3	1 2
K. H. Lo and W. C. Chung (King's)	3	1 2
N. Whitley and N. L. Smith (St. John's)	3	1 2
A. T. Xavier and C. C. Pereira (Recreio)	3	1 2
K. J. Ottwell and K. H. Lo (King's)	3	1 2
E. F. Fincher and H. Merrett (St. Andrew's)	3	1 2
W. H. Choy and S. F. Lee (Chung Wah)	6	3 2
S. T. Chan and S. C. Chan (Kowloon Tong)	6	4 2
G. Brown and A. A. Remedios (V.R.C.)	6	4 2
W. C. Choy and K. F. Chiu (Chung Wah)	3	2 1
F. A. R. Alves and P. A. Yvanovich (Recreio)	3	2 1
S. A. Xavier and R. M. Soares (Police)	3	2 1
O. El Arculli and S. A. Rum-jahn (V.R.C.)	3	2 1
B. Godkin and M. Talan (J.R.C.)	3	2 1
N. A. F. Mackay and J. A. Chen (Kowloon Tong)	3	2 1
R. E. Lee and F. S. Ka (Kowloon Tong)	3	2 1
H. Dingsdale and C. Y. Sin (Police)	3	2 1
N. A. F. Mackay and R. F. Lee (Kowloon Tong)	3	2 1
A. T. Xavier and E. M. Alar-con (Recreio)	3	2 1
F. M. Alarcon and A. E. No-ronha (Recreio)	3	2 1
B. T. Osano and P. Yvanovich (Recreio)	3	2 1
H. S. Jones and E. Zimmern (K.C.C.)	3	2 1
A. K. Rumjahn and M. M. de V. Soares (V.R.C.)	3	2 1
E. A. R. Alves and P. P. Botelho (Recreio)	6	5 1
A. R. Pollak and L. Landau (J.R.C.)	6	5 1
A. R. Pollak and M. Talan (J.R.C.)	6	5 1
B. Godkin and J. Odell (J.R.C.)	6	5 1
J. MacDonald and H. Ding-sdale (Police)	9	8 1
F. Castro and A. A. Remedios (V.R.C.)	12	11 1
A. Odell and S. Ramler (J.R.C.)	3	3 0
P. P. Botelho and A. E. Noronha (Recreio)	3	3 0
R. Hogarth and J. Shepherd (Police)	3	3 0
D. M. Xavier and S. Souza (V.R.C.)	3	3 0
A. Basto and A. A. Noronha (V.R.C.)	3	3 0
A. E. Brown and M. M. Davis (St. Andrew's)	3	3 0
A. S. Bliss and V. Merrett (St. Andrew's)	3	3 0
M. M. Davis and M. Merrett (St. Andrew's)	3	3 0
E. H. White and J. Tomlinson (St. Andrew's)	3	3 0
S. Ramler and L. Landau (J.R.C.)	3	3 0
A. R. Pollak and S. Ramler (J.R.C.)	3	3 0
L. Landau and A. Odell (J.R.C.)	3	3 0
H. Dingsdale and J. Ferrier (P.R.C.)	3	3 0
C. Y. Sin and J. Shepherd (P.R.C.)	3	3 0
R. Hogarth and J. Ferrier (P.R.C.)	3	3 0
R. M. Lavalie and S. T. Chan (Kowloon Tong)	3	3 0
Peter Lo and M. S. Lee (Kowloon Tong)	3	3 0
H. A. Barros and A. E. No-ronha (Recreio)	3	3 0
A. E. Xavier and H. A. No-ronha (Recreio)	3	3 0
T. J. Mackay and R. Hogarth (Police)	3	3 0
R. Mackenzie and J. Shep-herd (Police)	3	3 0
A. R. Pollak and A. Odell (J.R.C.)	6	6 0
A. R. S. Major and C. Y. Siu (Police)	12	12 0

Army Should Beat Navy This Afternoon

By "Referee"

THE SECOND GAME OF THE KOTEWALL CHARITY CUP SERIES WILL BE PLAYED THIS AFTERNOON AT CAROLINE HILL WHEN ARMY MEET NAVY AT 4.30 P.M.

On current form Army should win, but Navy now have a well-balanced side and should give the soldiers a good game. Navy are not the strength they were several weeks ago but the newcomers have settled down and have developed a good understanding, particularly in the forward line.

In spite of the disappointing form shown by Army in the Lai Wah Cup Final when they were beaten by Civilians, the Army team has not been altered although several positional changes have been made.

Hossack will lead the forward-line with Fox as his inside-right, while Freshwater and Burrell will be seen at left-half and right-half, respectively.

The game between Army and South China will be played at a later date and if Army succeed today a very good gate is expected.

Following are the teams.  
ARMY—Bankier, Fraser and Naysmith, Freshwater, Bright and Burrell, Owens, Fox, Hossack, Weir and Duffield.  
NAVY—Gill, Roughley and O'Regan, Layhe, Hazard and Hall, Anderson, LaPage, Hendy, Barber and Skinner.

SERVICES RUGBY XV

Following have been selected to represent Combined Services v Combined Club and Police on Saturday, at Boundary Street.

"A" XV—Morahan (Navy); McGill (Navy); Wilson (Navy); Giblin (Army); and Macdonald (Army); Keeble (Army); and Bowden (Navy); Winter (Navy); Deldenfield (Army); Palmer (Navy); Stockham (R.A.F.); Evans (Army); Flynn (Navy); Eddison (Army); and Page (Army).  
1ST XV—Fairelough (Army); Richards (Army); Paul (Navy); Hook (Army); and Marsh (Army); Carter (Navy); and Morgan (Army); Bompas

HOME FOOTBALL PROGRAMME

Following are the Home soccer fixtures for the week-end

WAR CUP

Second Round (South)  
Cardiff v Reading  
Second Round (North)  
Grimsby v Barnsley  
Leds v Middlesbro'

Third Round (South)  
Leicester v Mansfield  
Queen's Park v Chelsea  
West Ham v Arsenal

Third Round (North)  
Everton v Manchester C.  
Preston v Tranmere

LONDON CUP

Aldershot v Fulham  
Football League (South)  
Bournemouth v Brighton  
Portsmouth v Southampton  
Southend v Watford  
Luton v Norwich

South Regional League  
Brentford v Crystal P.  
Notts C. v Notts F.  
West Brom. v Stoke

West Regional League  
Bath v Cardiff  
Corinthians

Lovells Athletic v Acoeraman  
Swansea v Bristol C.

SCOTTISH CUP

Airdrie v Motherwell  
Celtic v Partick  
Hamilton v Albion  
Morton v St. Mirren  
Falkirk v Dumbarton  
Rangers v Third Lanark  
Hearts v Clyde  
Queen's Park v Hibernian  
—Reuter.

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# ITALIANS SMASHED

## Greeks Keep Up Attack On Central Front

### FASCIST MINISTER KILLED

The Greek Press Ministry in Athens confirmed yesterday that the Fascist Minister of Education, Bottai, was killed in recent fighting at the head of a Black Shirt battalion. He was engaged in firing on his own troops in retreat when killed. —Reuter.

### CARDINAL SCHULTE PASSES

CARDINAL KARL JOSEF SCHULTE, ARCHBISHOP OF COLOGNE, DIED ON MONDAY NIGHT AGED 69. SAYS THE SWISS RADIO.

Cardinal Schulte, who was well-known to troops of the British Army on the Rhine after the Great War, was associated with the German hierarchy in condemnation of the Nazi sterilisation law.

He was prominent during the last war in alleviating the lot of British and French prisoners of war in Germany.—Reuter.

## Blackshirts Retire In Confusion

HUNDREDS OF ITALIAN dead were left behind when, after strong artillery preparation, Greek infantry again attacked early on Monday morning in the central area of the Albanian front, states a Greek Press Ministry bulletin reported by Athens radio last night.

Guns, ammunition, automatic arms and machine-guns were captured, as well as 300 Italian prisoners, including a number of officers.

The Italians put up a determined defence, making desperate efforts to check the furious Greek onslaught, but their efforts were of no avail.

The enemy's strongest positions, one of them on a peak nearly 6,000 feet high, were captured by the Greek forces and the Italians were put to flight after suffering very severe losses.

Greek detachments gave chase and the Italians' flight was so precipitate that they left many dead and wounded on the battlefield. —Reuter.

### R.A.F. Support

The R.A.F. is continuing its support of the Greek army in their smashing attacks on the Italian forces in Albania.

Yesterday the R.A.F. raided motor transport concentrations and enemy camps.—Reuter.

## LOFOTEN UPSETS THE HUNS

The Lofoten Islands raid has only served to increase the considerable nervousness prevailing in German circles in northern Norway, according to a Norwegian telegraph agency report.

The report states that at Tromsø and Harstam, in particular, the occupation forces have been greatly alarmed by the presence of British warships in neighbouring waters.

They now feel that no port along the Norwegian coast is safe from a possible raid.

The vast majority of the Norwegian people are enthusiastic about the British raid.

The Quisling newspaper "Fritt Folk" states: "Svolvær, 'centre of the Norwegian fishing industry, was shelled to pieces and devastated.' —Reuter.

## THRUST INTO ABYSSINIA

Another British thrust into Abyssinia from the Sudan is revealed in yesterday's communique from British Headquarters in Cairo.

The communique announces that the Imperial forces have captured Afodu and are now advancing towards Asosa.

The enemy has abandoned four guns and quantities of armament in his retreat.

Further east patriot forces have captured a town and are continuing their pursuit of the Italian columns.—Reuter.

### SIR WOLFORD DAVIES PASSES

The famous British musician, Sir Wolford Davies, who has been Master of the King's Music since 1934, died in London yesterday.—Reuter.

### WEYGAND BACK IN ALGIERS

General Weygand arrived back in Algiers from Vichy yesterday, according to a Vichy report quoted by Reuter.

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### JAPAN'S ARMY DISPOSITIONS

"Japan has 52 divisions under arms, of which 37 are stationed in China, nine in Manchuria and six in Japan, Korea and Formosa," stated a Chinese military Council spokesman in Chungking yesterday reviewing Japanese military concentrations.

"It is estimated Japan can use seven or eight divisions for her southward push, with Singapore as the main objective," the spokesman added.—Reuter.



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## YUGOSLAVIA NOT TO JOIN AXIS ALLIANCE

### Will Not Sign If Asked

YUGOSLAVIA WILL not sign the Tripartite Pact even if directly asked to do so, according to well-informed quarters in Belgrade yesterday.

There is no reason to believe that Germany has already made a definite demand for Yugoslavian signature, nor is it confirmed that German pressure on Belgrade has been intensified.

It is still considered likely that the Premier, M. Tvetkovitch, and Foreign Minister, M. Cincar Markovitch, will visit Vienna within the next few days but rumours that aircraft have already arrived to take them, are unfounded.

#### Belgrade Interview

The German Minister to Yugoslavia, von Heeren, had a long interview with the Yugoslav Foreign Minister, M. Marcovitch, yesterday, says a Belgrade message to the official German news agency.—Reuter.

Relations with the Reich are officially described as perfectly cordial.

Postponement of the Yugoslav statesmen's trip can be attributed to negotiations as to what form a declaration following such a meeting would take.

#### Inopportune

The leading Belgrade newspaper, "Politika," yesterday published a Wilhelmstrasse statement saying: "It is inopportune at present to make any suppositions on Yugoslav-German affairs: it is better to await actual results."

Unconfirmed reports state that a German aircraft was brought down by Yugoslav anti-aircraft fire at Kladovo on Monday night.—Reuter.

### ITALIAN TRANSPORT TORPEDOED

A heavily laden Italian troop transport was torpedoed and sunk by a British submarine.

This was revealed in an official Admiralty communique yesterday which adds that in reporting this success the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean, states the transport was of the Sicilia class of 9,646 tons.—Reuter.



The famous British aircraft-carrier "Ark Royal" remains afloat despite the frequency of Dr. Goebbels' wishful thinking. This picture shows the "Ark Royal" in the last attack upon her off Sardinia. It shows huge columns of water raised by Italian bombs falling clear of the ship.

### ATHENS DENIES GERMAN APPROACH

An authoritative denial was given in Athens last night to reports that the German Minister in Athens had handed Dr. Korizis, the Greek Prime Minister, "certain proposals."

No proposals, it is stated, have been presented.—Reuter.

### JAMAICA TO GET CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM

An important Government statement regarding a new Constitution for Jamaica may shortly be made in the House of Commons, Reuter understands.

It is understood that the island will have a Constitution based upon elections by popular vote.—Reuter.

### 7 NIGHT RAIDERS DOWNED

Seven German aircraft were destroyed in attacks on Britain on Monday night.

Four were shot down in the Portsmouth area, which was the main Nazi target, by anti-aircraft guns. They were seen to crash or explode in mid-air by many witnesses.

It was also learned last night that two German bombers about to take off from an aerodrome in Holland were machine-gunned by a British bomber returning from the R.A.F.'s raid on Cologne on Monday night.

A Messerschmidt fighter which tried interception was promptly shot down.—Reuter.

### NAZIS & DARLAN "THREAT"

Admiral Darlan's threat to "convoy French merchantships" is "not a possibility but a certainty" alleged the German-controlled Paris radio yesterday.

The announcer quoted a number of articles in the Paris press in favour of this action.

In well-informed quarters in London it was pointed out last night that this latest example of German propaganda lends support to the view that the Germans are anxious to see a clash between the French and British fleets as soon as possible.—Reuter.

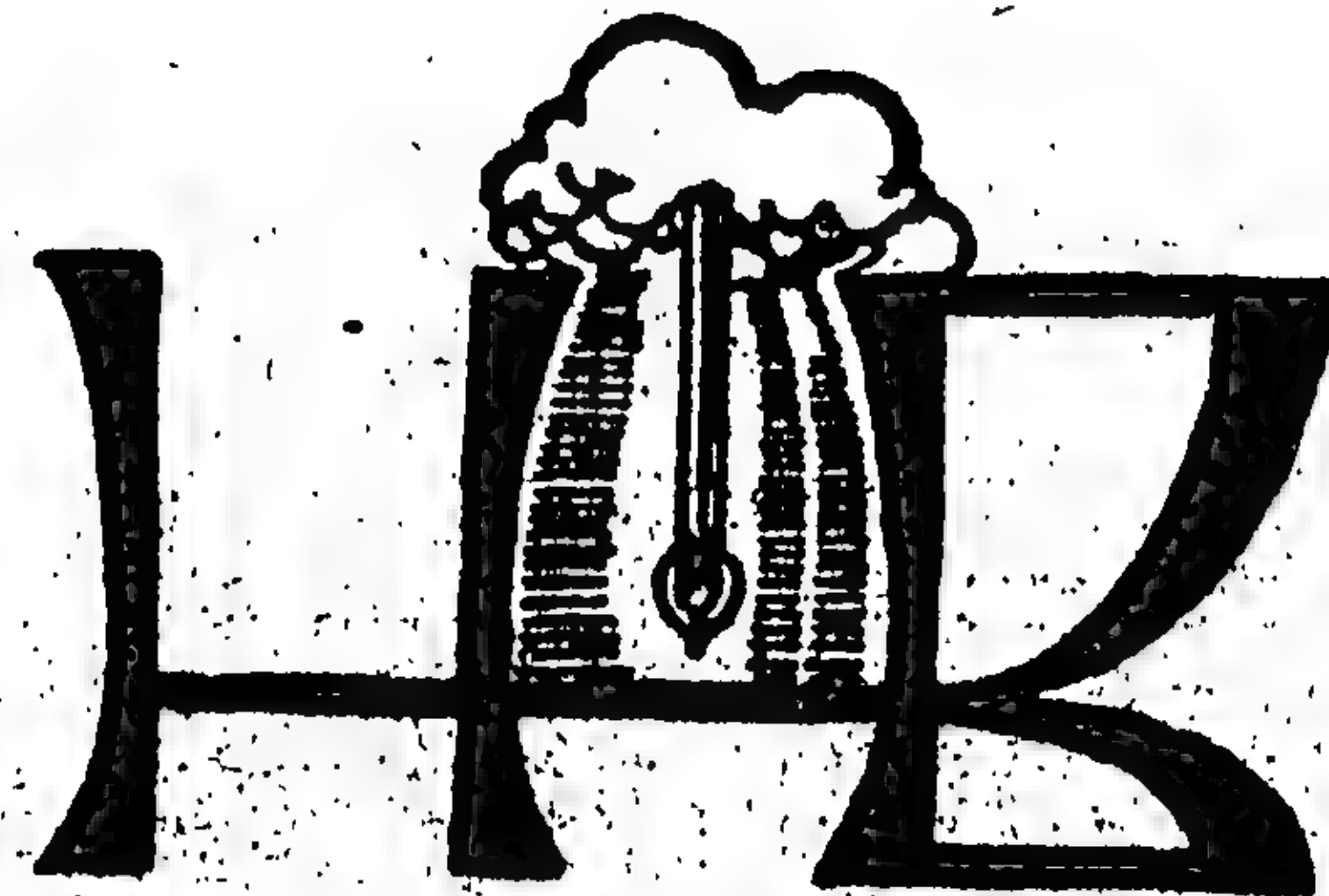
### GERMANS INDICTED IN N.Y.

A Federal Grand Jury has indicted the German news agency, Trans-Ocean, its manager, Manfred Zapp, and another employee named Tonn, for violation of the Foreign Agents Registration Law.

Zapp and Tonn have been arrested, it was declared in Washington yesterday.

The indictment alleged that Trans-Ocean established a branch agency in the United States in

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# GRIMMER PHASE OF WAR COMING

## Royal Air Force Ready For The Spring

### Faster And More Powerful Fighters And Bombers

THE REVOLUTIONARY PROGRESS OF THE R.A.F., ITS NEW, FASTER AND MORE POWERFUL FIGHTERS AND BOMBERS, AND THE TRANSFORMATION OF EXISTING WORLD-KNOWN MODELS INTO VIRTUALLY NEW TYPES, WAS THE THEME OF AN ADDRESS BY THE AIR MINISTER, SIR ARCHIBALD SINCLAIR, IN INTRODUCING THE AIR FORCE ESTIMATES IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY.

Among types which the Minister mentioned publicly for the first time were the Beau fighter, designed for long-range operations and night fighting and carrying a very heavy armament, and the heavy Halifax bomber.

### FIGHTING SPIRIT OF PILOTS

Sir Archibald Sinclair expressed his own belief that the war was about to enter a grimmer phase but was completely confident in the final issue.

His confidence was based primarily on R.A.F. achievements which were summarised in two graphic sentences.

He said: "In the last ten months, in two theatres of war, the R.A.F. has fought against very great odds but not without success, as the destruction, mainly by our incomparable fighter squadrons, of some 4,250 German and 1,100 Italian aircraft, for the loss in combat of fewer than 1,800 aircraft of our own, the security of our shores, and the part played by the R.A.F. in the disruption of the Italian Empire, combine to testify."

Sir Archibald dealt with recuperative and medical services devoted to the R.A.F. and spoke of rest centres available and of the care taken to provide quiet quarters for pilots engaged in fighting.

#### Psychological Care

He stressed the need for psychological care of pilots and said: "The fighting spirit of our pilots is so strong that unless they are closely watched they keep on flying long after they should have been rested from operations."

Four most up-to-date orthopaedic centres had been provided as well as centres for the most modern treatment, the progress of which he described as astonishing, by burns.

He thought progress in the self-sealing tank and other devices would substantially reduce risk from this injury.—British Wireless.

#### RAW MATERIALS FOR FRANCE

Arrangements for the supply of raw materials from Germany for French industry were concluded by a representative of the French iron and steel industry during a six-day visit to Berlin from which he has just returned to Paris, stated Lyons radio last night.—Reuter.

#### PETAINE IS SOLD OUT

Parisians have bought 3,500,000 portraits of Marshal Petain in aid of the prisoners of war fund, says the Havas Agency, quoted by Reuter.

Later models of Spitfires and Hurricanes are now in service fitted with more powerful engines and heavier armament, he added.

The new Hawker Tornado will be equipped with engines nearly twice the horse-power of fighters which bore the brunt of the Battle of Britain. They can carry still heavier armament and yet attain a speed well over 400 miles an hour.

As to bombers, Hampdens, Wellingtons and Whitleys will be the main R.A.F. offensive weapon. The latest models of these are fitted with more powerful engines and some—although the name remains—are quite different aircraft.

In addition there is a range of very much heavier bombers, including the Manchester and Halifax, all of which have already shown their worth against enemy targets.

They are more than twice the size of earlier types, are faster and carry heavier defensive armament and thrice the weight of bombs over the same distance as their predecessors.

#### Raids In Germany

Sir Archibald declared our bombers had made 280 raids on aerodromes and seaplane bases, 300 on docks and shipping, 470 on railways and communications, and 630 on industrial targets, all in Germany, apart from their many very heavy raids on objectives in occupied territory.

In the same period Coastal Command aircraft had flown 16 million miles. Squadrons from Canada, South Africa, Australia, New Zealand and Rhodesia, squadrons manned by men from India and Newfoundland and all the Colonial Empire, were playing their part in the battle.

"Another squadron, of which the House will hear more before long, is the Eagle Squadron, mounted on Hurricanes and manned by American pilots," declared the Air Minister.

#### Enormous Growth

He continued: "The strength of one R.A.F. Command alone exceeds the total peace strength of the whole R.A.F. by nearly 50 per cent, while the two other Commands have a strength equal to more than the peace-time R.A.F. total."

"This expansion will be enormously accelerated during the coming year."

"British science stands in the forefront of aviation research and, despite the fact that flying training in Britain has to be carried out within the war zone, we accept no reduction in the standard of training."

"In some schools training is now being carried out not only in double shifts but even in four shifts."

#### Empire Scheme

"The success of the Empire training scheme has surpassed all

expectations. In Canada the output of pilots and crews is well ahead of schedule and there has been a great expansion of training in Australia and New Zealand.

"Men trained under the great organisation in South Africa and Rhodesia are, like others trained overseas, fighting to-day brilliantly and successfully."

"The Governments of Malaya, Trinidad and Bermuda have themselves made arrangements to give elementary flying training."

"A full-scale training organisation is being formed in India for pilots of the R.A.F. and the Indian Air Force, while another training organisation established in Burma for the youths air training corps, launched five and a half weeks ago, has already enrolled 130,000 boys and formed over 1,000 units."

"Considering the total number of boys aged between 16 and 18 is only 750,000, this is a great achievement."

#### Civil Aviation

"The war has necessarily restricted civil aviation but a service is running from Durban to Khar-toum and Cairo, and thence across India to Australia, which links with the United Kingdom by flying-boats via Lisbon and West Africa."

"It is hoped possible to resume the trans-Atlantic service in the near future."

"THE R.A.F. IS NOW ON THE THRESHOLD OF ITS PERIOD OF GREATEST EXPANSION, AND DURING THE COMING TWELVE MONTHS WE SHALL ABSORB IN RAPIDLY INCREASING NUMBERS THE PRODUCTS OF AMERICAN, AS WELL AS BRITISH, INDUSTRY."

#### In Time

Sir Archibald Sinclair continued: "Goebbels tells his German dupes that American help for Britain will arrive too late but I tell you that these formidable aircraft, the choicest fruits of American design and craftsmanship, will get here in time."

Sir Archibald would not be optimistic about the menace of the night bomber. More severe attacks than ever might well be in store, but our methods of defence and counter-attack were gradually improving and we should exact from night bombers, as we had already begun to exact, an increasing toll.

After pointing out that Britain had been fighting and was still to some extent fighting not one air force but two, the Air Minister



The work of clearing dangerous buildings and debris is still going on in the City of London. Photo shows Pioneers demolishing one of the buildings. (Copyright, Fox).

### BOMBS DROPPED IN SUEZ AREA

A few bombs were dropped on the Suez Canal area in the course of an air raid yesterday morning. No damage or casualties resulted, says Reuter from Cairo.

### R.A.F. Fighting Strength

HE DECLARED THE STRENGTH OF THE R.A.F. WAS VERY MUCH GREATER NOW THAN WHEN THE BATTLE OF BRITAIN BEGAN LAST AUGUST.

The war, however, was about to enter a grimmer phase.

"IT WILL BE NO EASY TASK TO DEFEAT NAZI GERMANY BUT IT CAN, MUST AND WILL BE DONE." (CHEERS).

"Meanwhile, our pilots have so far maintained their individual ascendancy over the enemy that their chief difficulty to-day is to bring German pilots to battle."—Reuter.

### "GLORIOUS PAGE"

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]  
"A glorious page in Japanese diplomacy" was the editorial comment made by the "Asahi Shimbun" yesterday on the signing of the Thai-Indo-China border agreement yesterday in Tokyo.—International News Service.

### NEW JOB FOR JOHN EARL BAKER

Mr. John Earl Baker, until recently director of the American Red Cross in China, arrived in Chungking by air yesterday morning from Hong Kong.

Apart from declaring his resignation from the American Red Cross had been accepted, Mr. Baker declined to make any statement regarding his future plans.

Reuter learns authoritatively that Mr. Baker will shortly be appointed by the Chinese Government to take charge of transportation over the Burma road, which will be one of several measures contemplated by the Chinese Government for improvement of Burma road transportation.—Reuter.

### 3 WEEKS IN ARMY, SENT TO FRANCE

Sapper A. Snutch, of the Royal Engineers, who was charged before a field general court martial with deserting H. M. Service with intent to avoid service overseas, has been sentenced to six months' detention, it is announced in Southern Area orders.

Snutch, it was stated at his trial, was sent to France after only three weeks' training in the Army, and was evacuated from Dunkirk.

He pleaded guilty and, in mitigation, it was urged on his behalf that after such a short period of training he never had a chance to have engrained into him a proper respect for Army discipline and regulations, or a chance to be a proper soldier. He disappeared when he was warned to join another overseas draft.



# President Roosevelt Signs Lease And Lend Bill

## Fleet Of Motor Torpedo Boats To Be First Loan

**FRESIDENT ROOSEVELT SIGNED THE AID TO BRITAIN BILL IN WASHINGTON YESTERDAY. WITHIN A SHORT TIME OF THE BILL'S PASSING BY CONGRESS, IT WAS SIGNED BY THE VICE-PRESIDENT, MR. HENRY WALLACE, AND THE SPEAKER, MR. RAYBURN, WHO ARRANGED FOR SENDING IT IMMEDIATELY TO THE PRESIDENT.**

### WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE

Taking steady strides to establish the machine with which to operate the British aid programme immediately the Lease and Lend Bill becomes law, President Roosevelt called a White House conference yesterday morning.

Those attending were key members of Congress who will handle billions of dollars in appropriations to finance America's war effort. —Reuter.

### HE FEELS BRITAIN KILLED FATHER

Because he feels that the British Government murdered his father, who went down in the Arandora Star, Nemo Ermini, aged twenty, a naturalist, of Water Bend, Hemel Hempstead, Herts, applied to be registered as a conscientious objector at the S.E. local tribunal at Bloomsbury.

Ermini told the Tribunal that his father, a Savoy Hotel head waiter, fought for the Allies in the last war. He was interned in June last, later deported on the Arandora Star, and was posted as one of the missing.

Before this occurred Ermini had tried unsuccessfully to join the Home Guard. He resigned from the A.F.S. on hearing of his father's death.

"I consider that I lost my father as the direct result of the action of the Government," he said. "I feel as if they had murdered him for no reason except that he was born an Italian. In view of this I cannot conscientiously fight for England."

Mr. Stuart Horner, counsel on behalf of Ermini said Ermini's father was not a Fascist.

Judge David Davies, K.C., the chairman, said that notwithstanding the Tribunal's sympathy for Ermini, who had suffered a terrible misfortune, his name would have to be removed from the register of conscientious objectors.

Congressmen who saw President Roosevelt yesterday morning are reported to have stated that a fleet of mosquito boats will be despatched to Britain immediately, probably this week.

They also stated, it is reported, that food, particularly pork, cheese and possibly wheat, may be sent soon.

President Roosevelt disclosed his intention to ask Congress for a huge appropriation at his morning conference.

Senator Glass stated afterwards that the President would recommend this appropriation, which would be all in cash, to permit of the purchase of all articles authorised by the Bill.

At the conclusion of the financial conference the President called another conference to discuss administrative plans for handling the British aid programme.

Mr. Henry Stimson, Secretary for War, and the Army and Navy chiefs were invited to attend.

### Final Vote

Voting in the House of Representatives on the final passing of the Bill was 317 to 71.

Congressional authorities disclosed later that President Roosevelt will ask Congress for an appropriation of \$7,000,000,000 to carry out the British aid programme.

Historic words were uttered by the Chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, Mr. Sol Bloom, making the closing speech in the House debate on the Senate amendments.

### Voice Of Roused America

Mr. Bloom said: "This Bill is the voice of a roused America sounding the trumpet call to victory for free government everywhere."

"By this action the United States gives the lie to the cowardly defeatist cry that Democracy is powerless in face of aggression."

"We are now proving that Democracy can and will carry into effect Lincoln's high resolve that government of the people, to the people and for the people shall not perish from the earth." —Reuter.

### NGAU TAU KOK LANDSLIDE

A Chinese woman was buried this morning in a landslide in the Ngau Tau Kok region of the New Territories. The slide of a hill crashed down upon a squatter's hut of which the woman was the only occupant at the time.

### EASTERN GROUP SUPPLY COUNCIL

With the arrival of the South African and Australian delegates the work of the Eastern Group Supply Council at New Delhi is expected to get under way in the near future. —Reuter.

### ITALIAN PRISONERS TO WORK

Italian prisoners of war are to work on the land in Britain, announced Mr. Tom Williams, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Agriculture, addressing Cheshire farmers at Chester yesterday.

Mr. Williams said Government had promised that between 2,000 and 3,000 would work on the land.

Their arrival would depend on the demand on British shipping but it was hoped they would be available shortly.

Mr. Williams also revealed that supplementary labour schemes for agriculture provided for the use of elementary and public schoolboys, women of the Land Army and friendly aliens, the latter including, subject to certain conditions, some aliens at present interned in the Isle of Man.

HE ADDED THAT THE PRESENT SHIPPING POSITION WAS INFINITELY MORE DESPERATE THAN 12 MONTHS AGO, AND INFINITELY WORSE THAN THAT FROM 1914 TO 1918. —REUTER.

### INDIA TO PAY WAR COMPENSATION

The Indian Council of State yesterday passed a resolution similar to that passed by the Assembly recommending the establishment of a scheme to provide for payment out of the central revenues of compensation in respect to war injuries and war damage sustained during the period of the present emergency by masters and seamen employed on sea-going services of ships registered in British India. —Reuter.

### STEADY UNDERTONE ON STOCK MARKET

The London Stock Exchange was dull yesterday on the absence of constructive factors but there was no selling pressure and the undertone was steady. Some profit-taking was seen in gilt-edged, also in Indians, while industrials tended lower. Home rails and oils were irregular, and Kaffirs were quiet pending today's Union budget. Egyptian Unified advanced 1½ from 80. Wall Street was firm. —Reuter.



### R.A.F. RAIDS IN EAST AFRICA

While the South African Air Force was raiding Harar on Saturday other R.A.F. bombers, operating further north in Italian East Africa, successfully attacked workshops on the Decamere road, near Teclesan, and the railway near Habi Mentel.

R.A.F. aircraft, states a Cairo communique, also continue to give very active support to the British troops closing in on Keren.

Several enemy gun positions were bombed and machine-gunned.

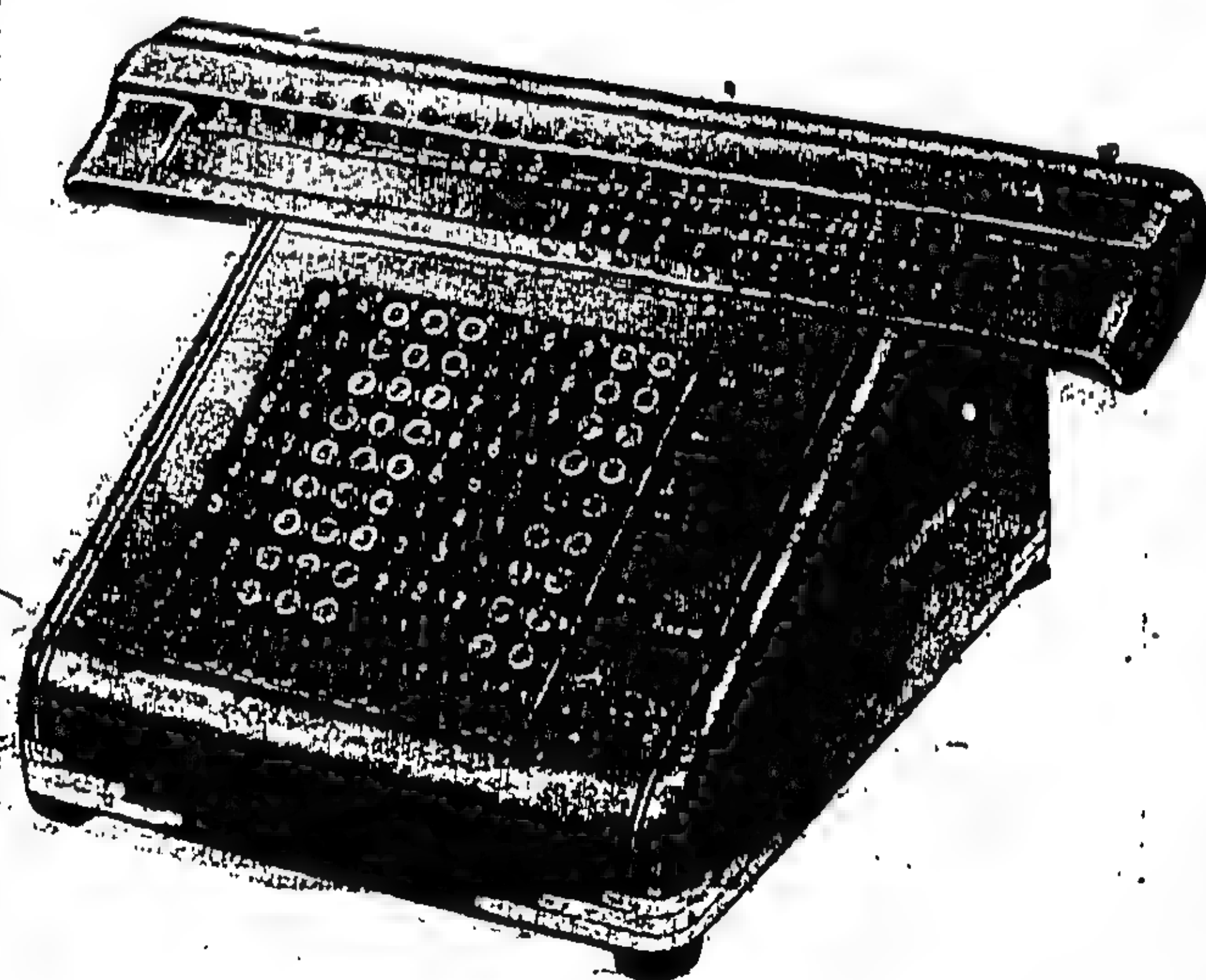
A bridge on the Keren-Asmara road was heavily bombed and a large petrol dump was destroyed south-west of Asmara. At Azoza, R.A.F. fighters machine-gunned and destroyed two enemy bombers on the ground. No British aircraft were lost in these operations. —Reuter.

### SINO-INDIAN CULTURAL SOCIETY

Accepting a donation of £750 from Mr. Tai Chi-tao, President of the Chinese Examination Yuan, the Tagore Visvabharath University has apportioned part of the sum to extending the Sino-Indian Cultural Society. —Reuter.

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# BARONET CHARGED WITH MURDER OF THE EARL OF ERROLL

**MAJOR SIR DELVES BROUGHTON, 53-YEAR-OLD BARONET, WAS YESTERDAY FORMALLY CHARGED IN NAIROBI WITH THE MURDER OF LORD ERROLL, 39-YEAR-OLD PEER WHO WAS FOUND DEAD TOWARDS THE END OF JANUARY.**

No evidence was called and the case was adjourned to March 19.

When Lord Erroll's death was announced it was reported due to a motor accident, but at the inquest the senior Government pathologist stated that two shots had been fired at Lord Erroll.

Lord Erroll, he added, dodged the first but received a fatal injury from the second.—Reuter.

Both Lord Erroll and Major Broughton are members of old-established families.

## 22nd Earl

Lord Erroll was the 22nd Earl, the title having been created in 1453. He was 25th Hereditary Lord High Constable of Scotland.

Lord Erroll was twice married, divorcing his first wife. His second wife died two years ago.

Major Broughton is the 11th Baronet. Formerly in the Irish Guards, he was divorced last year.

## ADOPTS 30 ORPHANS, A SECRET

A prominent man in Britain, whose name is a closely-guarded secret, has offered to adopt thirty children orphaned in the Coventry air raid.

He plans to give them a home and to care for them as his own children until they grow up. His offer has been accepted.

Offers of homes for the innocent victims of Hitler's murder raiders have been received from rich and poor in all parts of the world. Hundreds of parcels of clothes have been sent as well.

And in Coventry itself there are would-be foster parents. Some have already assumed responsibility for the care of helpless infants without even bothering to inform the authorities.

An official of the Public Health Department of Coventry Council told that letters had been received from America, Canada and Eire seeking adoption of the Blitz babies.

## Many With Strangers

"A special committee meeting was held last week to go into the question," she said. "We are afraid that there will be a number of orphans. At present there are many children who lost their parents in the raid living with neighbours, and even strangers."

"Immediately after the raid, people took children into their homes and they are still looking after them."

"We are accepting the offer of the gentleman who wants to adopt thirty orphans, but he has specially asked that his name should not be revealed."

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## MOTHER AND SON KEEP A VOW

When an eighteen-year-old lad joined the R.A.F. about a year ago his forty-year-old mother became a land girl, and they both took a vow to make a success of their new ventures.

They have kept their pledges. The son is now a pilot officer, and his mother has made the farm on which the works show a profit for the first time in years.

The woman is Mrs. Vera Kennedy, "Irish and proud of it," but prouder still of her son, Michael.

Mrs. Kennedy, who went to Canada at the age of nineteen, and spent ten years there farming, has been described as "a society woman."

"It's not true," she told a reporter: "I have neither the money nor the inclination for society."

"I'm just a hard-working woman doing her bit to help the old country."

"When war started Michael and I felt that it was up to us to play our part. He joined the R.A.F. and I joined the land army."

## Farm Was Derelict

"I do all the heavy work on a farm of more than 200 acres and any woman could do the same after a bit of training."

"The sooner women realise that the better it will be for the food situation," Mrs. Kennedy modestly did not mention that she has made the farm pay.

But its owner, Mr. Sidney Van den Bergh, former managing director of the margarine firm, did. And he was full of praise for Mrs. Kennedy.

"She does practically everything on the farm. When she took it over it was derelict. The transformation she has brought about is really amazing," he said.

## GOLDEN FLEECE

Rumanian customs officials became suspicious of blood on a flock of sheep Bulgarian peasants were taking out of Rumania into Dobruja.

Investigation showed hides had been cut, gold inserted under the skin, and the cuts sewn. Some sheep wore gold bells around their necks. The Bulgarians were arrested.

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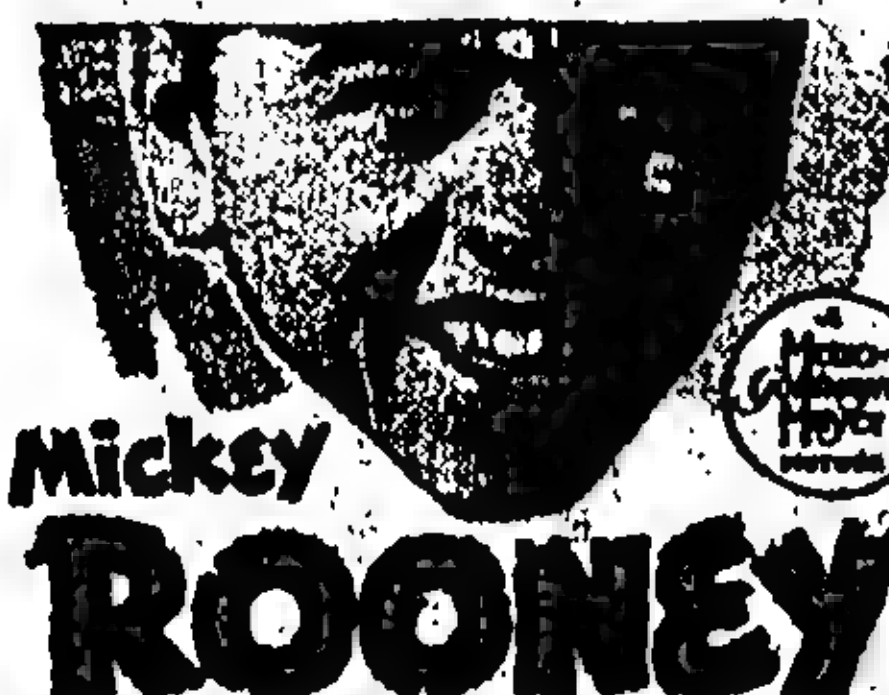
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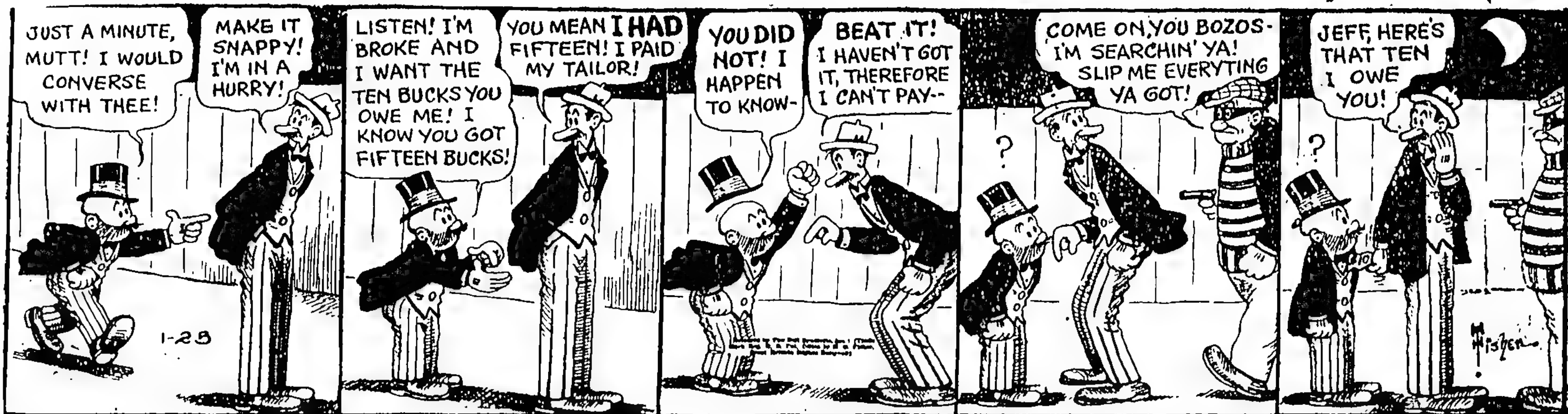
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HARAR RAIDED

SOUTH AFRICAN BOMBING SQUADRONS HEAVILY RAIDED HARAR ON SATURDAY, ACCORDING TO AN OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE ISSUED IN NAIROBI YESTERDAY.

They attacked barracks in the town and anti-aircraft posts. Direct hits were seen on the barracks and other large buildings. Reuter

JAPAN'S ARMY DISPOSITIONS

Japan has 52 divisions under arms, of which 37 are stationed in China, nine in Manchuria and six in Japan, Korea and Formosa," stated a Chinese military Council spokesman in Chungking yesterday reviewing Japanese military concentrations.

"It is estimated Japan can use seven or eight divisions for her southward push, with Singapore as the main objective," the spokesman added -- Reuter.

CHINA'S SPIRITUAL VICTORY ACHIEVED

"CHINA HAS ALREADY won a spiritual victory," declared a manifesto issued by the Second People's Political Council prior to its adjournment in Chungking yesterday.

The manifesto declares that China's policy of armed resistance and national reconstruction had been proven practical by nearly four years of the war. To-day, the world realised that China, engaged in a life-and-death struggle, was "the pillar of the Far East."

While Japan was losing confidence in her campaign, China's faith in successful self-defence was growing.

The European war, the manifesto adds, also testified that China's policy was absolutely correct. No fewer than ten countries had collapsed as a result of the European war, and the conclusion is that the main factors for sustaining the fight and winning victory were unity of purpose and strong armaments.

The manifesto appeals to the nation to build itself into "a solid fighting body" and to regard national defence as the most urgent task.

Politically, the nation should seek closer cooperation, support the National Government and all its decrees.

Appeal To Communists

Expressing confidence in the Government's sincerity in its pledge to introduce Constitutional Government, and declaring that the old idea of parties and cliques must be discarded and substituted by the new idea of a fighting nation, the manifesto urges the Communist Party to abide by its declaration of September, 1937, to support national unity and be loyal to the State consistently.

Unified command was the basic factor for victory.

Food Shortage

The manifesto blames mismanagement as the principal cause of the food shortage and rise in commodity prices and expresses the hope that Government will efficiently exercise economic control, readjust the currency situation, improve transportation facilities and regulate distribution and marketing.

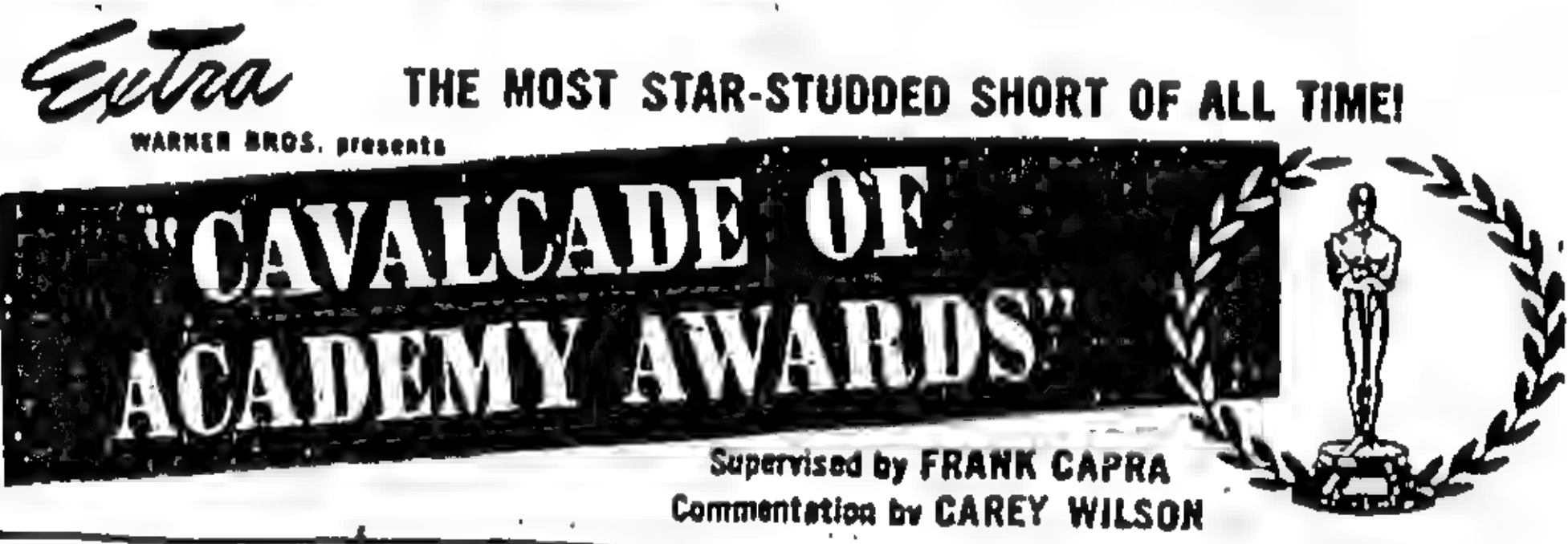
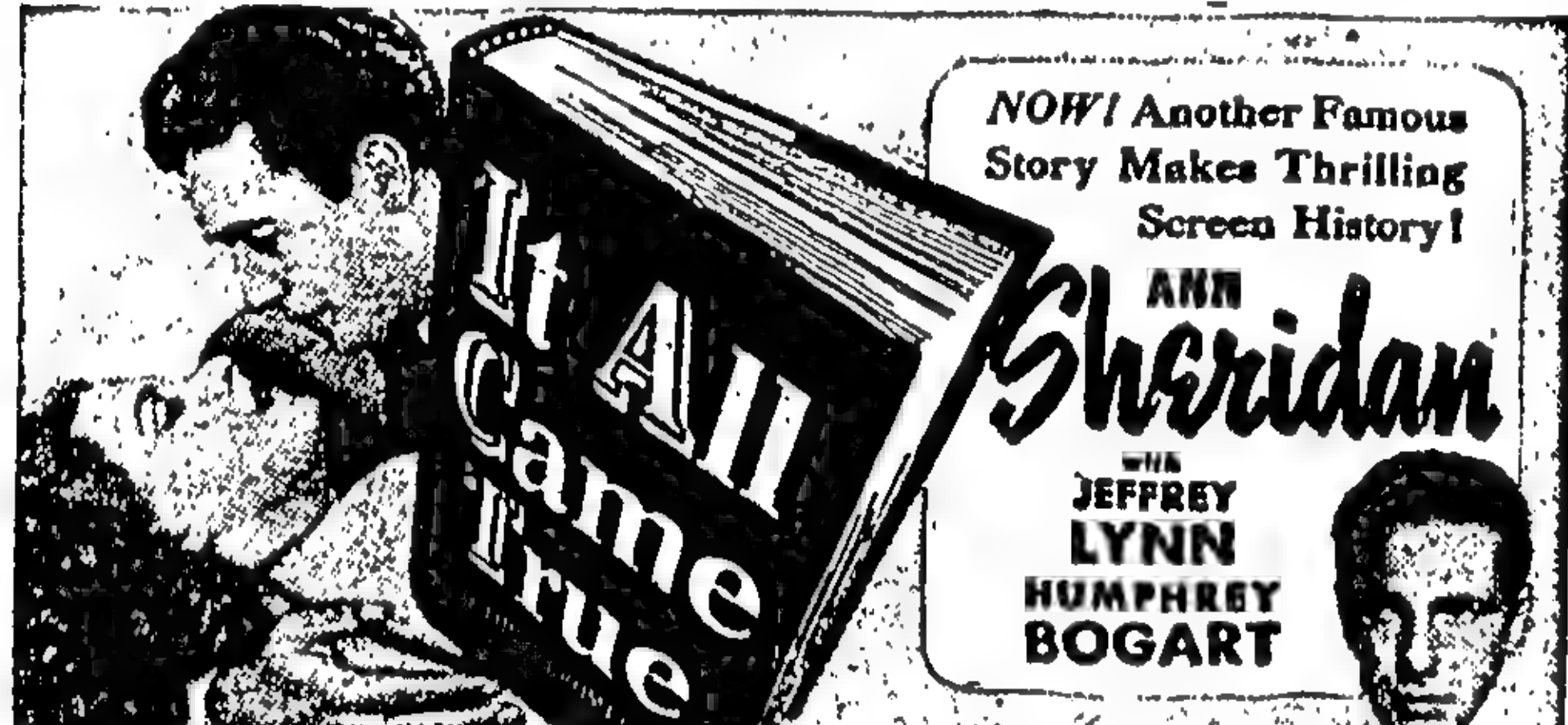
The manifesto expresses appreciation of the concern and sympathy shown by Great Britain, the United States and the Soviet Union regarding China's war, pledges support of Government's policy of seeking closer cooperation with friendly Powers and hopes that the Government will make it unmistakably clear that any country supporting Japan's policy would be considered as China's enemy. -- Central News.

GERMAN 'PLANE GUNS BRITISH SEAMEN

A savage attack on a British ship by a Nazi plane off the English coast was reported when the vessel reached a north-west port. "The plane dived from a cloud with its engine shut off and dropped a couple of bombs on us," a seaman said. "The Nazi disappeared as quickly as he arrived, but he came back four times and raked the ship with machine-gun bullets; and also fired cannon shells. "He seemed to be making a determined effort to wipe out the crew. We are lucky to be alive to be able to bring the ship into port."

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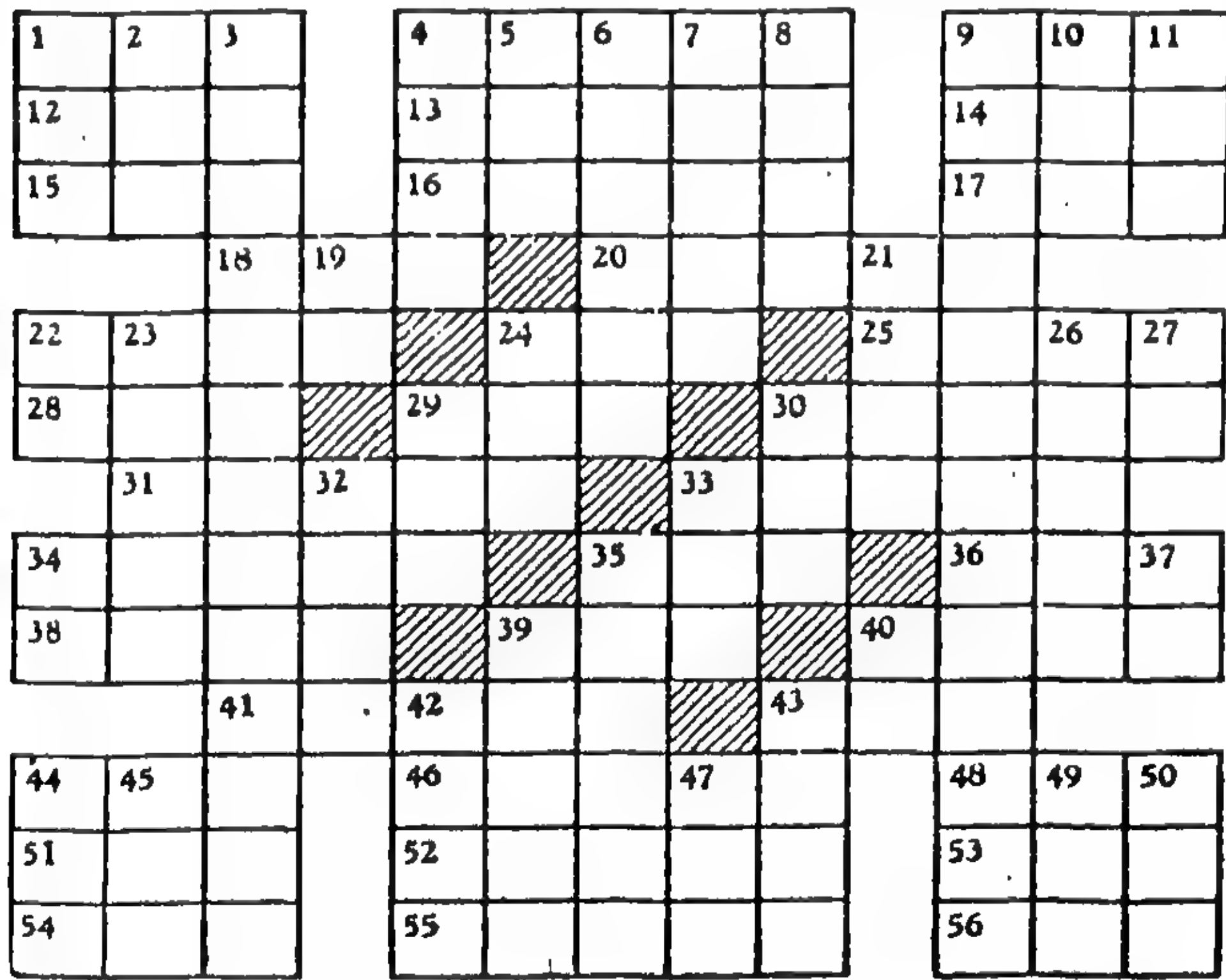


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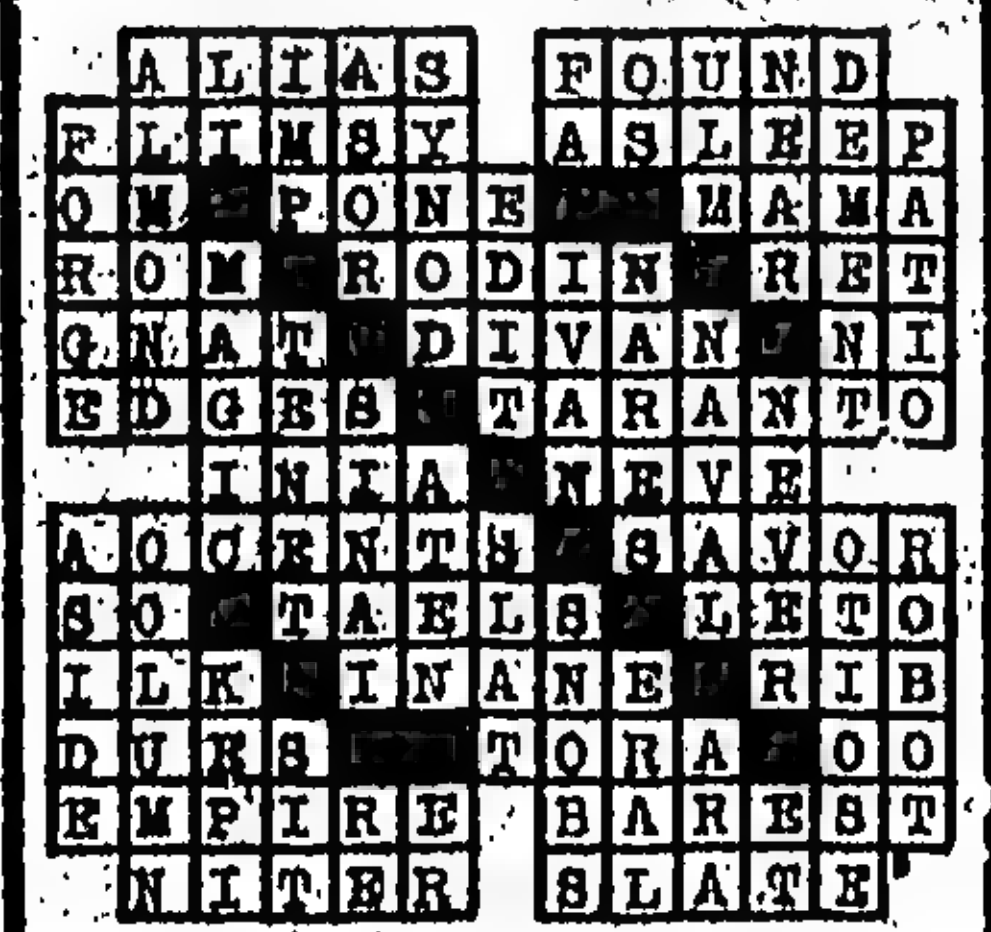
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- 1 Part of a circle
- 4 Hindu prayer rug
- 9 To deposit
- 12 Sign of the Zodiac
- 13 Style of architecture
- 14 Man's name
- 15 Doctrine
- 16 Idiotic
- 17 Numeral
- 18 Container
- 20 European blackbird
- 22 White
- 24 Poetic: it is
- 25 Gaelic
- 26 Hall
- 28 Dance step
- 30 Bid
- 31 Live coal
- 33 Communion-table
- 34 To adorn oneself
- 35 Pastry
- 36 Silent
- 38 Heating apparatus
- 39 Earth
- 40 Farce
- 41 Short treatise
- 43 Hindu cymbals

VERTICAL

- 1 Moslem name
- 2 Law: things
- 3 Helping to constitute a whole
- 4 Mine entrance
- 5 Offspring
- 6 Character in "The Three Musketeers"
- 7 Baseball teams
- 8 Maple genus
- 9 Master of a house
- 10 To employ
- 11 Light brown
- 19 Periodic windstorm
- 21 Remaining
- 22 Parent
- 23 To turn aside
- 24 Sailor
- 26 Antitoxic substance
- 27 Teutonic deity
- 29 Writing implement
- 30 Palm leaf
- 32 To carry
- 33 Assistance
- 34 Hebrew letter
- 35 Edible tuber
- 37 Pronoun
- 39 To discard
- 40 Colloquial: mother
- 42 Opera by Verdi
- 43 Examination
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- 45 Parcel of land
- 47 Music: three
- 49 Ancient tribal tax
- 50 Elongated fish

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# SUBMARINES & AIRCRAFT FOR N.E.I. DEFENCE

THE FORTS OF NETHERLANDS INDIA ARE IN THE SKY AND BENEATH THE SEA. AEROPLANES AND SUBMARINES.

They are the first lines of defence. For these islands, this is no mere figure of speech. They are the first and perhaps even the main lines. Their job is to damage, if not actually cripple, an attacking force before it comes within sight of land.

The Indies are banking, particularly, on their air force.

In some ways, it has been the pet and darling of both the fighting services for many years. Glenn Martin bombers have been purchased from the United States in large numbers. They have a full complement of dive-bombers and fighters, virtually all American-made. The ships are new and fast, perhaps faster than anything in this part of the world. The navy flies Dornier seaplanes, sleek, wicked-looking machines with torpedo-bombing in the under-carryage.

## Nearly 1,000 'Planes

(Lonesome ship in the Indies is a German Messerschmidt. It was privately owned, before the war. The owner donated it to the army, and it is used for ferrying officers around Java).

The numerical strength of the air force is a well-guarded secret, but estimates indicate that the colony can send nearly a thousand first-line ships into the air. Military airfields are scattered all through the islands. It is a safe guess that the Dutch have more bases concealed than known. There are American pilots assisting in the training work at both Bandoeng, the army headquarters, and at Soerabaja, the big naval base.

A ceaseless air patrol is maintained over the waters for a hundred miles around the islands. Dutch officers say it would be impossible for a hostile expedition of any size to approach undiscovered.

Here you have the first phase of the defence plan—to locate and strike while the enemy is still far at sea. The Dutch are not planning to wait to be attacked. They will hit out first.

## Plan Curtain Of Fire

While dive-bombers and probably torpedo-carrying seaplanes are working on the approaching ships, the Indies' second big weapon—submarines—will come into action. Here, too, the islands forces are strong. The official total of undersea craft is given as 20. It undoubtedly is an interesting piece of official understatement.

Development of the submarine fleet preceded even the extreme interest in aeroplanes. These islands, with their shoals and shallow waters, are a natural happy-hunting-ground for submarines. The fact was noted, long ago, by Dutch naval strategists. They have the ships and personnel to make full use of it.

So in the primary stage of fighting, the Dutch plan to stretch a curtain of fire, extending from above the clouds to the bottom of the sea, across an invader's path.

At the same time, some of the static defences will come into action. The plan entails mining all the important channels into East Indian waters. In this respect, the Dutch are luckier than the British. They can surround themselves entirely with mines, having no need to leave some channels open for food-carrying ships.

## To 'Soften Up' Enemy

They do not expect, with these weapons alone, to halt a strong, well-prepared attack. But they do expect to batter it badly, to soften it up for the land defences, the shore batteries and the troops lying in wait behind them.

In military and naval circles in Batavia, it is taken for granted that an invader can reach shore somewhere. There are more than 2,000 islands in the archipelago, and they can't all be defended. But, as the Dutch see it, unless the main islands were taken, the fight would only just be beginning.

Having the advantage of nearby bases, they believe they can maintain command of the air, thus, with their submarines, gravely threatening the troops on shore by hacking away at the lifelines that feed them and their guns. —Associated Press.

## DIRECT HIT ON JUNKERS IN MIDAIR

An Admiralty communique states: "A night raiding bomber has been engaged and destroyed by one of H.M. ships."

A direct hit was made on the German aircraft, a JU88, by H.M. destroyer Holderness.

The bomber was blown to pieces in the air and there were no survivors. No casualty or damage was sustained by Holderness. —British Wireless.

## HITLER HAS DUCCE BEHIND BERLIN ZOO BARS

Last year Hitler presented Mussolini with an armoured coach, such as the Fuehrer himself finds advisable. It is now disclosed that Mussolini's coach was constructed from melted down iron bars, taken from the Berlin Zoo!

Instead of the German eagle, they now cage the comparatively harmless "inflated bullfrog of the Pontine marshes."

Has Hitler, a sense of humour after all?

## APPEAL FOR COOPERATION IN WEEK-END CENSUS

AN OFFICIAL SPOKESMAN, in a broadcast from ZBW last night, in four languages, on the census said:—

Everyone must realise that in a time of emergency, the protection of the general public is of first importance, and Government are rapidly completing plans to provide protection by means of tunnels, concrete shelters, dispersal areas, etc.

The efficacy of this form of protection has been clearly demonstrated in places such as Chungking, and the necessity is equally pronounced in Hong Kong.

In order that the Air Raid Precautions Department may know the number of people in each district for which protection should be provided, and also the arrangements which should be made for the distribution of food, etc., it is essential to have an accurate knowledge of the number of people who sleep in each house, etc.

It will be obvious to all that if this information was not obtained, thousands of people might possibly make their way to a shelter which would only perhaps accommodate hundreds, whereas with an accurate knowledge of the distribution of the population, each householder can be given advice as to where he can seek shelter.

## For A.R.P. Only

For this purpose, the Hong Kong Corps of Air Raid Wardens is taking a Census of the population on the nights of the 13th, 14th, and possibly the 15th March. It is emphasised that the information asked for, namely, the number of children, adults and aged people and their nationality in each family, is for the use of the A.R.P. Department and Food Controller, and will not be used for any ulterior motive.

In obtaining this information, the cooperation of all householders is requested, especially in two ways. Firstly, that a responsible member of the family should stay in on one of the evenings until the Warden has called, and secondly, that he should give the information asked for as quickly as possible to avoid wasting the Warden's time. Please give this simple but necessary assistance to make this census a success, in your own interests.

## Information Required

There may be many managers of firms, hotels and lodging houses, owners of shops, factories, etc., and others who have control of staffs, who have been kind enough to listen to me, and I would make an appeal to them to explain to their employees what I have said and endeavour to obtain their co-operation in this vitally important task.

Before I close, may I repeat that the information required is the number and nationality of all persons sleeping on the premises on that night, including servants. There are three age categories: children up to two years of age; adults between 10 and sixty years; and adults over 60 years of age.

Finally, let me stress the fact that this information is required by the Air Raid Precautions Department solely for your own benefit, and that it will be a great help to the Warden if you will have it ready for him when he calls.

Thank you very much.

## ANOTHER RAID ON MALTA

Enemy aircraft attacked Malta on Monday but there were no R.A.F. casualties. A. A. fire damaged and probably destroyed several enemy fighters.

Enemy aircraft approached Port Said and Ismailia during Monday night. Some bombs were dropped near R.A.F. aerodromes but no damage was caused. —British Wireless.



# CHINA MAIL

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## A NEW WAR IN THE DESERTS

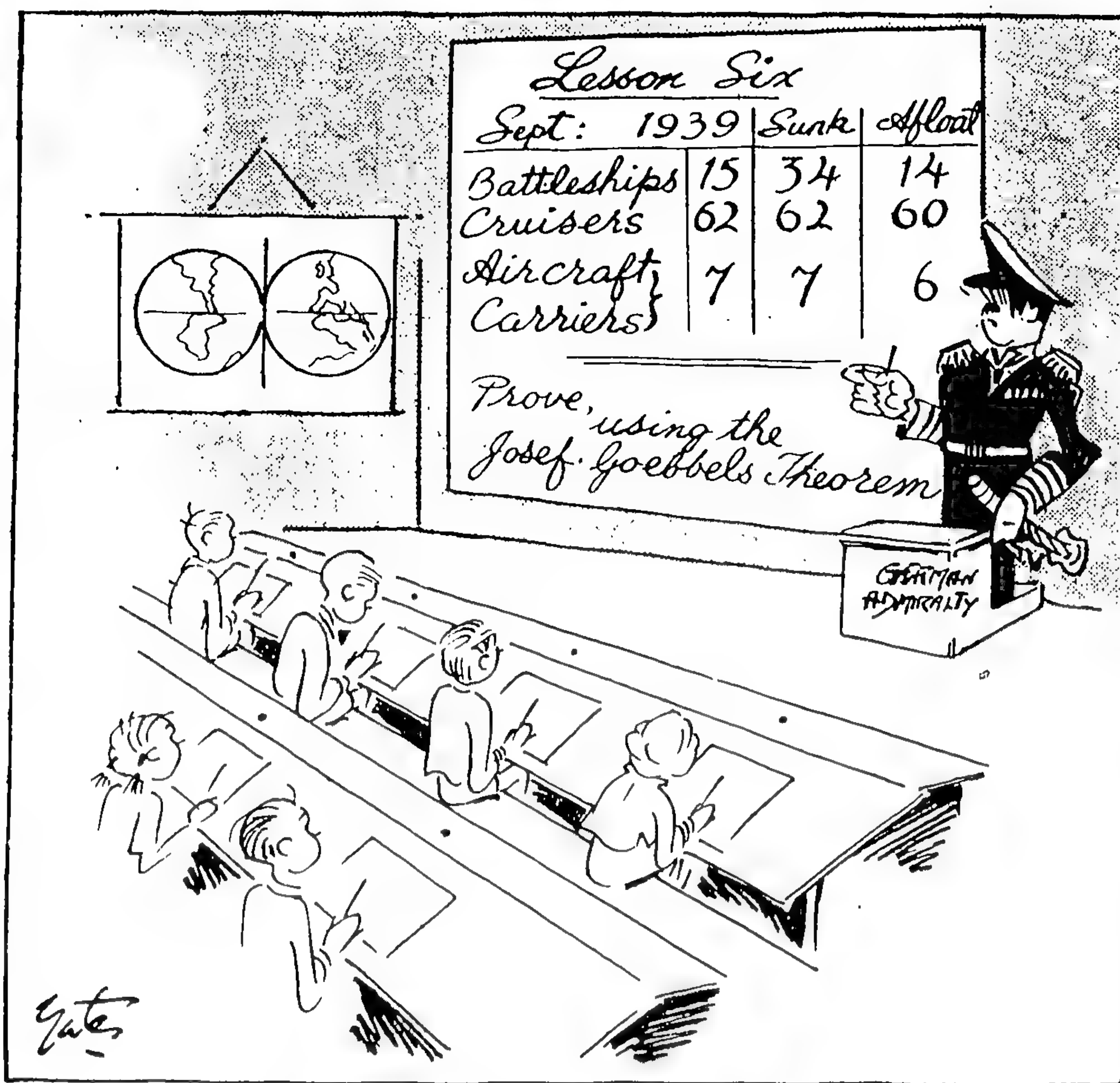
Many of us have thrilled over T. E. Lawrence's account of the desert revolt which in the last war drove the Turks back to Palestine and ultimate defeat by the armies of Allenby. The new war being waged by the Imperial forces and the Free French in Abyssinia, Somaliland, Eritrea and down in Libya round the Kufra and Jarabub Oases, promises an equally exciting story, but it will be different. Lawrence's was a tale of camel-borne Arab legions armed for the most part with primitive rifles—a few packages of dynamite and a very few machine-guns alone meeting the need for modern weapons. This new saga will be a story of 'machines', but it will have all the thrills.

The components of romance are all present: the three amateur explorers who for ten years had spent their vacations in the desert "for fun" discovered by Sir Archibald Wavell in the ranks of his heterogeneous army; the quick inception of the idea that they might lead a small patrolling force which would learn the enemy's dispositions and intentions; the rapid formation and training of armoured units to do the job, and the equally swift change, when the fray proved successful, to making this an attacking force to mop up oases and clear the back country, ultimately uniting with the army on the coast.

They covered half a million miles of desert, roadless and with never a repair shop in the vast expanse, these tanks manned by Britons and New Zealanders, few of whom perhaps had ever seen a tank before. They kept a rendezvous with the French coming up from Lake Chad within an hour of the appointed time, in an area of 10,000-foot volcanic peaks, with no guide but the sketchy maps of the region. Then together they took a fort by surprise and carried it, the French colonel being shot down within twenty yards of its walls. The surprise was so complete that passing natives, never dreaming that the British could be so far from their base, gave them the Fascist salute.

When the story is told, there will be the incident of the wounded man who was carried 790 miles by truck across the sand dunes and flown from a French airfield to a hos-

## THE NEW ARITHMETIC



QUOD ERROR DEMONSTRANDUM

# Mud And Rain Can't Stop 'em

By  
William  
Gibbons

"If there were soldiers or airmen in the middle of the Sahara we'd send a concert party to entertain them." So said a N.A.A.F.I. official to me. And having completed a tour with two of their parties on the English Sahara—Salisbury Plain—I can well believe him!

I chose this trip from a number he offered me. "What about Iceland, Middle or Near East, West Coast of Africa, Gibraltar or Malta?" he suggested. Salisbury was good enough for me.

So I went to see how some of the 1,200 odd artists touring at home and those far-distant lands are entertaining the forces.

I made one blunder, I accompanied a Grade A company first. This, in the profession, is considered a luxury cruise. May be it is to them.

Anyway, I set out with 12 girls and one mere man—he's useful; he handles the piano rather well—who were playing in "Girls in Uniform," the first all-girl show sent out by N.A.A.F.I. I finished the tour with the Sing Song Four. That was the sticky end.

They, so I understand, are the lesser lights, and their job is to go around to out-of-the-way camps in an 8 h.p. ex-laundry motor-van complete with piano. The pianist is the driver—or is it the other way round?

Well, I thought, after the comfort of a de luxe coach, this would be something of a change. It was.

Without the piano and the several bags of dresses and other props, it might have been a relatively comfortable 30-mile ride over the Plain. Still, the two girls didn't grumble, so why should I?

The camp was certainly out of the way. We had to have a despatch rider to meet us and show

pital in Egypt, and of the captured mail pouch which yielded all the information that was wanted. Doubtless there will be a hundred other exciting happenings, at present unrecorded. The movie scouts should lose no time in getting after this new sequence. It may prove to be the most picturesque in the war.

us how to negotiate a cut 'cross country.

After wading through pools of water and mud, we found the concert hall. This, believe it or not, was the famous orange grove—yes, oranges were actually grown there—of the Marquis of Ailesbury's estate, for that's where we were.

An imposing building, fronted by huge colonnades, which, as Audrey, the soubrette, said, reminded her of Anthony and Cleopatra!

Inside was the canteen and recreation room with curious conversations and additions to make it a concert hall. There was no electric lighting, and the place was as cold as charity.

Six oil lamps were the foot-lights on a stage consisting of table tops! A couple of oil stoves were scrounged for the girls' dressing-room—a blanket nailed across a corner—and the show went on.

And what a show. There was just one minor mishap, but who would worry about that? Audrey put her foot through the stage, but there were officer-gallants to rescue her and repair the platform.

For two hours those four worked really hard and gave the troops some grand entertainment. I asked the Commanding Officer what the men thought of these N.A.A.F.I. shows.

"They'll give you their own answer afterwards," he replied. Sure enough they did when he asked them at the end if they'd enjoyed it and would like the four back again.

We had a last look at this famous old place at the invitation of the colonel. And what an odd spectacle we must have presented.

There in the main dining-hall of this ancient ancestry—now the officers' mess—we sat around the huge marble fireplace under the pale light of oil lamps, surrounded by the imposing portraits of a famous family, descendants of Robert Bruce, with Thomas, Lord Bruce, Earl of Elgin, father of the first Earl of Ailesbury "in the chair" at the head of the room. It's my hope that I've done

something to brighten what already promised to be quite a bright Christmas for those troops. They were going to have turkey and Christmas pudding, the colonel told me, and needed a little entertainment in the evening.

A sporting colonel he. When I suggested that the same four artists come back on Christmas night and give them another show, he readily offered his suite for the accommodation of the girls.

Well, back we had to go over the Plain to our "digs" with Audrey nursing a swollen ankle, but as happy as any little Audrey could be.

"A grand audience, and worth any trouble we may have had," she told me. And that's a point, you know.

After all that, I felt that the comfort of one's home meant everything.

Of course, "Girls in Uniform" was a really tip-top show, and believe me those girls are a little "high hat" since Queen Mary saw it recently.

I can quite understand Leslie's "inferiority complex." He won't have the piano on the stage with them, and at an R.A.F. camp we visited, he insisted on it being moved down to the floor—and, in spite of all our efforts it got a jolt and lost a leg!

Still, Leslie managed to get his tunes out of it. He should. He's accompanied Gerlie Gitana, Hetty King, Arn Penn and Derek Oldham.

And there's talent among those girls. One of them is Moya Macqueen Pope, whose family have been at Quarry Lane since 1740. Moya appeared at the Lane with Ivor Novello, playing Fairy Queen in the 1938-39 pantos.

And what a personality is—but no, let's keep the name out. She's a grandmother. I had the pleasure of delivering the good news to her during the show. Yet she can do the high kicking stuff with the best of 'em!

There's another side to this business, which just goes to show what stuff these girls—and men, of course—are made of. N.A.A.F.I. have one of those little vans in which I travelled, with no fewer than 74 machine-gun bullet holes in it. The four artists, two men and two women, were caught out in a raid, and had to lie under the van for nine hours.

It was "granny" who, held up in a raid, stopped an R.A.F. motor-cyclist, and rode pillion at umpteenth m.p.h. to be on time.

## India's Problems

In a word, the point has now been reached at which the British Government, with the best will in the world, can take no major step in Indian politics unless Indians themselves create conditions of national unity in which it will be possible for full responsible government—Indian Home Rule if the term is preferred—to function peacefully and fruitfully.

To justify this apparently dogmatic statement it is necessary, in the first place, to go back to the beginning of the war, when Mr. Gandhi, speaking for the strongest and best organised section of Indian political opinion, namely, the All-India National Congress, demanded that India be granted national "independence" as a necessary preliminary to her devoting all her national energies and resources to the war against Nazi

By Professor John Coatman

aggression. Cogently, he argued that only through this development could the necessary spiritual forces and qualities be mobilised in India, and, just as important, only thus could Great Britain genuinely and without embarrassment stand forth in the eyes of the world as the champion "par excellence" of democracy and freedom.

Had Mr. Gandhi been speaking for all-India, and had the issue of Indian independence hung solely on the will of the British Government, his demand would, of course, have made it impossible for the latter to refuse it, except at the ruinous cost of showing that our basic claim, on which the unity and resolution of the whole British Empire depend, that we are fighting this war to ensure the survival of freedom and, even, civilisation itself, was a mere pretence.

But the immediate reaction to Mr. Gandhi's demand, inside India itself, showed that he was far from speaking for a united India, and, also, that there were powerful interests in the country actively opposed to the All-India National Congress, interests whose views could be ignored only at the most imminent danger of fierce internecine strife. Of these rival interests, the most important are the Indian National Mahomedans, of whom all but a tiny fraction are not only outside the All-India National Congress but are strongly—and increasingly—opposed to its claims and policy.

The role of the British Government in India is very far indeed from being that of autocratic dispenser of the country's political fate. Rather is the role that of guarantor of India's internal and external peace and, as far as her political development and status are concerned, arbitrator and guide.

There are eleven Provinces in British India, and the general elections of 1937, the first to be held under the new constitution, returned Congress governments in eight out of the eleven. Since the Congress Party, as we have seen, is almost entirely Hindu, this result meant the possibility of serious friction in those provinces under Congress governments where there were large numbers of Mahomedans.

And it is a matter of history that intercommunal relations deteriorated steadily between 1937 and the outbreak of the war.

It will be seen, therefore, that Mr. Gandhi's demand for "independence" for India was a powerfully descriptive factor in India's domestic relations. The Viceroy, after consulting representatives of all major sections of opinion, announced in October, 1939, that he could do no more than promise that there would be full consultation with Indian representatives after the war if this were found necessary and desirable, and that during the war he could have a representative body of Indians associated with his government in a consultative capacity.

This reply pleased nobody and settled nothing. Nevertheless, in view of the almost unanimous feeling in India in favour of the Empire's struggle against the Nazis, the Congress leaders decided to do nothing to embarrass the Government. Moreover, Mahomedan, Princes, and other opinion steadily hardened against Congress and it became clear that any direct action on their part would be setting a match to a powder magazine. Lord Linlithgow, therefore, continued his efforts to get agreement among the various interests but without much success.

The Mahomedan demand now is for the creation of a Mahomedan India, and a Hindu India, a conception which is clearly ruinous to Indian national unity.



## HOW WE ENTERED BARDIA

# EYE-WITNESS OF BATTLE IN LIBYA

(By A Special Correspondent)

IT IS NOW POSSIBLE TO RECONSTRUCT MORE COMPLETELY THE BATTLE IN LIBYA WHICH RESULTED IN THE BRILLIANT VICTORY OVER THE ITALIANS AT BARDIA AND THE OCCUPATION OF THIS STRATEGIC PORT AND THE REGION SURROUNDING IT.

I am able to write of the final phase as an eye-witness. For the first time war correspondents on this front were given the opportunity to watch a major operation in progress.

All-night bombardments by the R. A. F. the Mediterranean Fleet and field artillery on Wednesday and Thursday entirely misled the Italians, as they were intended to do, as to the actual time of the British attack, although they knew it must be coming.

After this sappers started at 5.30 a.m. on Friday to cut two of the thickest wire fences of the outer defences of Bardia about five miles west of the town in the southern sector. This was to permit Australian infantry to take up a position in a deep trench encircling the perimeter of the defences.

These forces covered another party of sappers who quickly rushed up and blew in and filled in the trench to allow British tanks, followed by Australian troops, to cross. By now the Italians realised what was happening and they started heavy artillery fire.

The plan was, however, gallantly carried out. Tanks and infantry drove ahead and started to clear up the area on the south side of Bardia port, particularly Wadi-Aatrah, where a stiff defence and two Italian counter-attacks were repulsed.

## Intense Shelling

All Friday night we could hear from our camp below the escarpment in front of the town the intensive bombardment from sea and land on Italian defended positions in the whole area. The enemy retaliated by shelling

Sollum, two miles away on the Egyptian coast, and Capuzzo, the captured Libyan frontier fort. They also bombarded the escarpment and our forward positions, but without effect.

Our forces made rapid progress. Most of the defence posts in the southern sector soon fell into our hands, but some enemy batteries were still active and actually firing when we approached at noon on Saturday the Australian headquarters.

Here a most affable senior staff officer in a dug-out office deep below the surface of the desert explained the operations and how they were progressing. Then he delegated an intelligence officer to accompany us to brigade headquarters right forward, which was carrying out the final operation.

We drove some distance to the front line while shells whistled overhead from our guns on the left and from those of the Italians on the right. But the Italians had not the range of our batteries. All their shells burst on the wrong side of the road, though coming nearer every minute.

Early in the drive we passed a camp for prisoners of war. We were told that 10,000 were already being sorted out for removal into Egypt.

Approaching Brigade Headquarters, we traversed a great wire wall more than 8ft high and wide. Mussolini caused it to be erected from the sea to Jarabub, a distance of about 175 miles, at a cost of £1 a yard, to keep, vainly as it turned out, Libyan Arabs from escaping into Egypt. It looked somewhat neglected.

We also passed the now well-known Fort Capuzzo. As a result of our artillery and bombing duels with the Italians, only a shell remains of the fort itself, with the frontier offices and the triumphal arch which records the Italians' capture of the place in their colonising campaign. The arch is now a convenient road indication for convoys of war correspondents.

## Minefield Found

We crossed the outer perimeter defences of Bardia. These comprise a very strong barbed-wire, shoulder-high fence and a deep trench, the one which our sappers filled in at the beginning of the action. Just beyond and running parallel were the remains of a minefield. This was discovered by an Australian sapper convoy, thereby saving hundreds of lives.

Early in the afternoon we reached Brigade Headquarters. They were situated at the side of a precipitous wadi, or dried-up river-bed or valley, parallel to that in which Italian troops and the native population of Bardia took refuge when the British Navy started its intensive bombardment of the town. It was steep and stony. Wild and infrequent vegetation was the only cover between the crevices.

We were told it was intended to take Bardia that night. Here in effect we saw all the preparations for the advance. Bren gun carriers were hidden behind the rocks, while lying on the sides of the wadi to escape attention from the air, were innumerable groups of "Aussies" waiting the order to go forward.

Meanwhile they were snatching a few minutes' sleep or enjoying a smoke. Some hurriedly ate a meal or wrote letters home, joking with us, as we passed, over the coming fight.

From battalion headquarters in the middle of this wadi we saw far to the south tanks and Australians cross the skyline towards Bardia. This was the beginning of the final attack.

## Tank Success

Their first objective was to silence enemy batteries that were still a nuisance in the southern sector. We saw the flashes from the tank guns as they advanced. Shortly afterwards the skyline from the same direction was darkened by several large groups of prisoners marching towards us.

We moved down the wadi toward Bardia, picking out way over rocks and reclining Australians. We climbed up the steep and difficult east side to get a better view of what was going on. To the north we could see the roofs of Bardia's houses and the minaret.

We watched the progress of tanks and infantry while the light lasted. They completely silenced the Italian guns that were their objective. Then they moved on westwards to take part in the occupation of Bardia and the surrounding region.

Firing from both sides continued. Enemy shells landed harmlessly at the side of the wadi, just above battalion headquarters. An Italian bomber which came over was the only evidence of enemy air activity beyond an occasional reconnaissance flight during the whole of a remarkable day.

For a moment we thought it was intended to bomb our troops in the wadi, in which case we would have been in a decidedly uncomfortable position. Two British fighters, however, were cruising above, and the Italians thought better of it and disappeared.

When dusk approached we decided to go back and arrange with the brigade to spend the night and move to Bardia early next morning. To our delight we got permission to follow the second wave of Bren-carriers and infantry reinforcements towards the town.

## In Italian H. Q.

Bardia itself had little in the nature of defence works. These were all concentrated on the outside. Between the town and the ring of defences I noticed two "forts," almost entirely subterranean, on either side of the road.

We were received outside the courthouse, now much damaged. In it were found traces of what was believed to be the headquarters of Graziani, the Italian Commander-in-Chief, by the Australian major who commanded the force which cleared up the southern sector and entered the town at four p.m.

We were told that in the southern sector all was quiet except in a small area which would be settled that night. The Australians said the tanks were marvellous in the way they sailed on the guns every time. No sooner did the Italians see them, than they gave up. This confirms what prisoners said about the Italian troops being scared by tanks.

There was no resistance in the town. Prisoners everywhere were only too pleased to surrender. It was related that when an Australian officer with eight men appeared at the mouth of a cave and shouted, to his amazement, out came 2,000 Italians, one after the other.

## 3,000 Controlled By Five

As an illustration of the docility of the prisoners, we overtook in the darkness an enormous column walking towards Capuzzo, headed by a solitary lorry. The driver told us that he and four guards were in sole control of these prisoners, numbering 3,000. More guards were unnecessary, as the prisoners were highly relieved to get out of the war.

One officer among the prisoners, in reply to a remark about how well he spoke French and English, said he had been a cadet in the French Army, and served with

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# STALIN FINDS A NAZI PLOT IN RED ARMY

STALIN'S PUPGE of traitors in Nazi pay is extending. Behind the gigantic Hitler plot to sabotage the Soviet arms industry, the OGPU have now unearthed a further German plot to disrupt the Soviet political machine and the Red Army.

Immediate action has been ordered against all commissars and high officers who come under OGPU suspicion.

## HOW WE ENTERED BARDIA

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the British in the last war. To our comment, "Then why fight against the British now?" he repeated, "Why?" with a significant shrug of the shoulders.

When we entered Bardia several fires were burning merrily as a result of Fleet action. The place is not large, but what there is seems attractive. The houses are built of white stone and have spacious rooms. Many suffered severely from shellfire and bombing.

Fascist headquarters were a scene of desolation. The officers' mess was ruined. A meal still lay on the tables.

Data secured indicated that our information regarding the presence of Blackshirt legions and metropolitan Italian divisions in the Bardia garrison were substantially correct. To these must be added detachments of the Guardia della Frontiera, Frontier Guards.

It is known that the Italians attached supreme importance to Bardia from a political as well as a strategic point of view. That was why its defences were so strong. Several high officers captured included Gen. Bergonzoli, commanding the 23rd Corps and the defence of Bardia. Barely a week ago he assured Mussolini that Bardia was impregnable.

## Fort Becomes Depot

Other prisoners were the head of his intelligence service, Major Barenco, and Col. Nardinocchi, commanding a brigade. After the latter's father, Romano Nardinocchi, was named a fort which we passed close to the Australian headquarters. We now use it as a depot.

Bardia looked attractive in the moonlight and the glare of the fires as we left. The captured town was strangely silent and still haunts me. The only sound breaking this quiet was the cry of a tiny child running in search of his mother, apparently all who remained in Bardia.

We met a company commander who had just returned with his men from a "strafing" trip against surviving Italian batteries. They left at noon, and after two hours were back. The job was accomplished by sniping the gunners one by one, and then calmly going up to the four guns and trundling them back with them.

There are many individual efforts of gallantry. I like best the story of two youngsters, scarcely of military age, who as soon as the wire was cut, made off under cover of darkness with Bren guns to one of the defended posts nearby. They returned an hour later with 70 men and much material.

The spirit of the "Aussies" is wonderful. Nothing seems to daunt or tire them. They went into action "cooeing," shouting "Bardia or bust," and singing the well-known Australian song "Waltzing Matilda," and "We're off to see the wizard, the wonderful wizard of Oz."

Although for a long time they had arduous work with little or no rest, they were always most cheerful, greeting us with the characteristic "Thumbs up" gesture.

Schadenko, Vice-Commissar of Defence for the whole of the Soviet Union, and Political Commissar of the Red Army and Navy, has been summarily dismissed and is under house arrest.

The Kremlin, in addition, has made a clean sweep of dozens of minor political officers accredited to the army, navy and air force commands.

## Traitor Plot

Secret reports have also been submitted to OGPU headquarters of the political activities of certain generals and staff officers.

The discovery has been made that certain officers belonging to German military mission and liaison units serving with the Soviet Army, ostensibly to organise them more efficiently, have been trying to convert Russian military leaders to Nazi-ism.

In a number of cases they have succeeded. Several Russian Ukrainian officers have come under special suspicion.

For a vast Hitler plot has come to light for snatching the Ukraine from Russia and tacking it on to the German "Empire."

## Fifth Column

Primary moves in this plot are being taken by Hitler himself. He has been holding secret conversations in Berlin with the Pretender of the Ukrainian throne, the Hetman Nicholas Skoropadski, with the idea of administering the Ukraine as a puppet German State.

Skoropadski's job would be to organise a "White Russian" Fifth Column inside Russia and the Soviet army.

These discoveries have influenced Stalin in his decision to put the Red Army in full mobilisation.

## FAGIN SECRET OF CHILD THIEVES

Modern Fagins who train and organise child thieves are being sought by the police in slum areas of Manchester.

Hundreds of boys and girls, many still at school, are becoming so skilled at the tricks of stealing from stores, warehouses and small shops, that they are more difficult to catch than the professional burglar.

"When the boys and girls come before us we find in many cases that behind the simple theft there is obviously something much deeper, but we have failed to get the children to divulge who employs them," a magistrate told a reporter.

"Many boys would in the ordinary way be sent to approved schools, but nearly all these are full. We cannot send the youngsters to prison, and the result is they go back to their homes and just carry on where they left off."

Chief reason why the police believe the juveniles are being organised is the nature of the goods stolen.

Recently large stocks of rationed goods, such as butter and sugar have disappeared from shops.

A headmaster in one of the slum areas said: "Much of the stuff the boys and girls steal is of no value to them, and I feel certain they know where they can get money for it."

## ITALIANS USING DUM-DUM BULLETS

Italian tactics in Albania daily grow more desperate, a correspondent cables from the front.

Among my souvenirs of the fighting are soft-nosed dum-dum bullets which the Italians certainly used in the northern sector. They create a wound as large as a fist.

The bombing of the hospital area in Salonika is another instance of Italian savagery.

## CUSTOMS SEIZE VITAMINS

The Bermuda customs insisted that Madame Elsa Schiaparelli, the famous dress designer, who arrived in New York soon after the collapse of France, and is now returning to Paris aboard the Siboney, has been required at Bermuda to hand over vitamin concentrates worth several thousand dollars.

The Bermuda customs insisted that such concentrates were food, and consequently contraband if sent to France.

Madame Schiaparelli says she is going back to Paris because she has heard that the workers in her dress salon there are "in a very bad plight."

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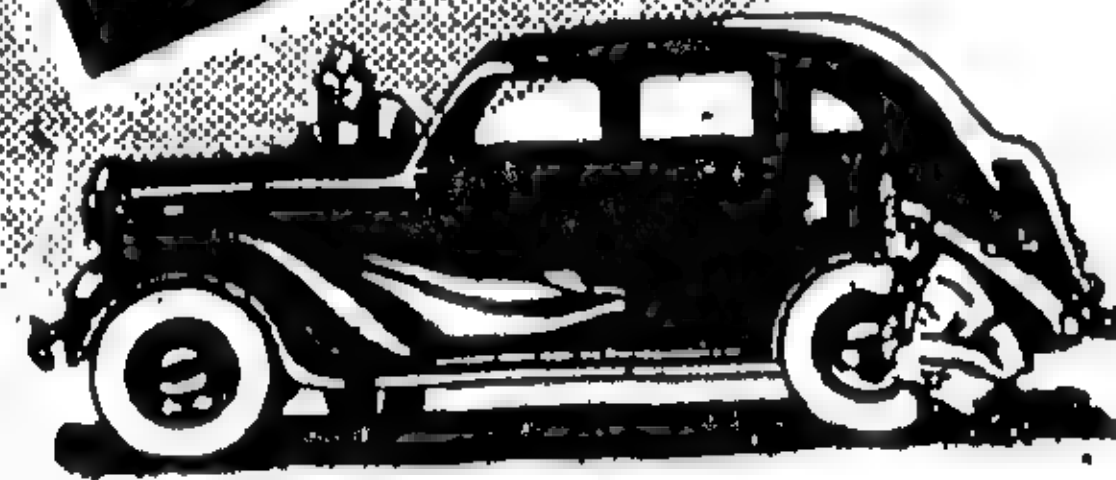
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By Order of the Board of Directors,

D. W. MUNTON,  
Manager.

Hong Kong, 8th March, 1941.

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By Order,

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Hong Kong, 10th March, 1941.

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1. That the Directors be and they are hereby authorised to capitalise the sum of \$3,000,000 Hong Kong currency, part of the undivided profits of the Company standing to the credit of the Company's Reserve Fund, and to allot to the members holding shares of the Company as on the first day of April One thousand nine hundred and forty-one in respect of the net amount capitalised fully paid shares of the Company of equivalent nominal value in the proportion of one share for every three shares of the Company held by them respectively and that such shares so allotted shall rank for dividends as from the 1st day of July, 1941.

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Hong Kong, 21st February, 1941.

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The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 15th MARCH, 1941, to WEDNESDAY, the 26th MARCH, 1941, both days inclusive.

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C. M. MANNERS,  
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The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 18th to 31st March, 1941, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

E. COCK,  
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Hong Kong, 10th March, 1941.



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#### By The Four Aces

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East, Dealer  
North-South vulnerable

♠ J 8 5 3 2	♥ K 9
♦ 3	♠ 2
♣ 8 5 2	♥ Q J 10 9
♠ K Q 10 5	♦ 7 4 3
♠ A Q 10 6	♣ 7 3 2
♥ A K Q 10	♠ 7 4
♦ 6	♥ J 8 7 5 4
♣ A J 9 6	♦ A K 6
	♣ 8 4

The bidding:  
East 3♦ South 3♥ West Dbl. North Pass

"South insisted that he couldn't let the opponents shut him out when he had a six-card major suit—particularly when he knew that the opening bid was of the shut-out type, based on a weak hand. He claimed that he was just unlucky to have found the biggest hand in the world at his left. Some of the things I said at that point might be better excluded from a family newspaper, but the point is that, he still thinks he's right. Please straighten him out."

We feel a deep sympathy for North; we've been taken for many rides by brave partners who wouldn't let anybody shut them out of the bidding. But we're also a little sorry for South—it was a little unlucky to have found such a rock-crusher at his left!

But that doesn't mean that we have anything good to say about his bid of three hearts. To be perfectly blunt about it, the bid was dangerous and pointless. Dangerous because the carnage might be fearful (as it indeed was) if West held most of the outstanding strength; pointless because North could take action without the three-heart bid if North instead of West held most of the outstanding strength. For the life of us we cannot see anything to recommend such a bid—except perhaps the courage of the bidder.

Yesterday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you held:

\* \* \*

♠ K J 10 9 6 8	♥ Q 5 4 2
♦ 8 3	♣ J

The bidding:  
Male You Schenken Jacoby  
3♦ (7)

ANSWER: Pass. With all the Aces and three of the Kings out against you, some further bidding can be expected. If your partner is strong enough to take part in the further bidding, you can show your strength; otherwise, you will just get yourself into trouble.

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To-day you held the same hand and the bidding continues:

Male You Schenken Jacoby
3♦ Pass Pass Dbl.
Pass (7)

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## FORGERY OF WILL

Accused of forging a will with intent to defraud, James Frederick Oakley Witcher, aged thirty-eight, was sent for trial at Portsmouth.

Mary Maud Turner, a Southsea boarding-house keeper, said Witcher had lived at her house for nine years. Several times he proposed marriage, but she refused him.

Frequently he asked her to make a will. She refused, but on November 20 she found in her bureau a will naming Witcher as executor.

It purported to leave all her possessions to her "Dear fiancé and friend, J. Witcher." The signature was not hers.

### "As A Joke"

In August she was left £50. She had furniture valued at £500 in her house. Witcher knew this.

Detective Ashby stated that Witcher said: "I did it as a joke." In a statement he added:

"I was afraid Miss Turner would do something desperate to herself, and I wished to have the right to handle her affairs. 'I thought if she died I was entitled to some of her property.'"

He pleaded guilty to writing the will but said there was no intent to defraud.

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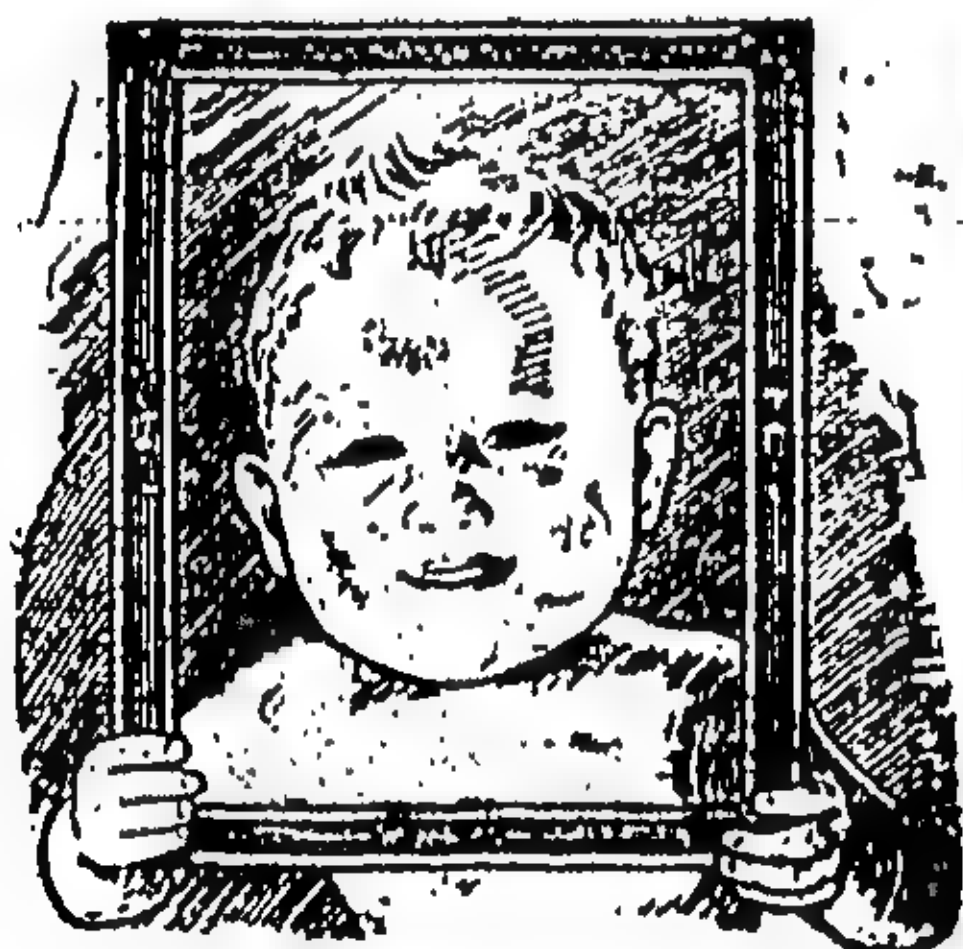
Marion said that her husband preferred to remember her loveliness as it was when he met her to taking the chance of losing to another man.

So he forced her to wear frocks two sizes too large; to avoid beauty parlours; and to wear no make-up.

However, in spite of all this, her husband told the Court she was guilty of misconduct with several men.

## CORONER'S COURT BOMBED

Because of raid damage at the City of London Coroner's Court, an inquest into a fire which occurred in November could not be resumed and arrangements were made for it to be held elsewhere.



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## Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



## A PAGE FOR WOMEN

# Erect, Easy Posture

It is part of my profession to go to fashion shows, debutante parties, and graduation exercises, of schools which train young girls and women to make the most of themselves. Every time I attend such a function I want to rush home and write a column about THE IMPORTANCE OF GOOD POSTURE.

Professional models (that is, the majority of them) soon acquire a graceful carriage and they make the clothes they wear appear a hundred times more glamorous than they really are. And the girls and women who have earnestly attended six weeks of beauty training do learn how to walk and dance and sit in erect posture. But alas, many of the debutantes (and other girls of that age) slump around in such a fashion that the clothes they model for charity's sweet sake look like old sacks instead of inspired creations.

One would think that these young girls, who have many advantages in life, would learn to carry themselves proudly and beautifully. But they do not—they are lazy, so frightfully lazy.

### Baked Pepper Pot Mold

—a delicately spicy luncheon party dish.

Dorothy Greig

GRANNIE once remarked, "To gather fame as a cook, serve dishes that are just a wee bit unusual, enough to arouse interest, but not so unusual folks are suspicious of them."

I think if Grannie had ever met my Baked Pepper Pot Mold she would have promptly added it to her "wee bit unusuals". It is of a light spongy texture with an unexpected delicate spiciness of flavor.



I like to make it in a ring mold and pile the center high with fresh green brussels sprouts and surround it with buttered whole cooked carrots. It's one of the dishes I save to serve as the main hot dish at luncheons, although it makes an appetizing Sunday supper dish, too.

**Ingredients:**  
3 eggs  
1 can condensed pepper pot soup  
1 cup milk  
1 tablespoon pimiento, diced  
2 cups bread, cubed

Beat the eggs slightly and to them add the condensed pepper pot soup. Then add the milk, diced pimiento, and bread cubes (made from bread at least one day old). Pour mixture into a greased ring mold (about 7 inches in diameter) and let stand for 15 minutes. Bake in a moderate oven (350° F.) for 35-45 minutes or until firm. Unmold on a hot platter or chop plate. Fill the center with buttered brussels sprouts, garnish with whole-cooked buttered carrots, strips of pimiento and parsley. Green peas may be used for center, instead of brussels sprouts if desired.



JOAN LESLIE demonstrates the easy grace of standing correctly. No stiffness is apparent.

that they are indifferent to destroying their beauty. Poor posture becomes a bad habit that is not easy to correct. And poor posture indulged in over a period of years invites chronic illness which robs many lives of happiness.

### Be Glamorous

If you keep your body limber through exercise, there isn't a reason in the world why you cannot walk gracefully in attractive position. Every curve of your body takes on more beauty if you carry yourself in this fashion. Your bosom is held high in normal position, your head is up with eyes facing the world directly, your midriff is held in and your buttocks are tucked under. Naturally, if you don't wear high heels and attempt to walk a few blocks you are going to throw all this alluring alignment out of order—so your first rule is to wear lower or medium height heels for walking.

The second rule is to firm your midriff muscles through exercise. "Begin refashioning in the middle," is a beauty slogan for all women. If you stand up and pull in your abdomen you will notice that your chest lifts higher and your buttocks automatically tuck under. These muscles should be kept plastic all through your life.

The third rule is, "Take care of your spine." Don't give in to its desire to slump. Teach it to keep erect and then your head will be held in place keeping your throat line young and preventing a "dowager's hump" to form.

Your fourth rule is, "Learn to let your feet take you places." By that I mean you should push your body forward when walking. If you hold the upper part of your body in healthy, normal position your feet and legs will carry you wherever you want to go with little or no hip and buttock swaying. That stride is called "regal"—the step queens master despite heavy trains and crowns!

Yes, I am convinced, that if a young girl masters good posture she has fifty per cent of the glamour she ever will need! The simplest of dresses looks like a million dollars on the girl who knows how to carry herself and who keeps her figure nicely proportioned through healthful living!



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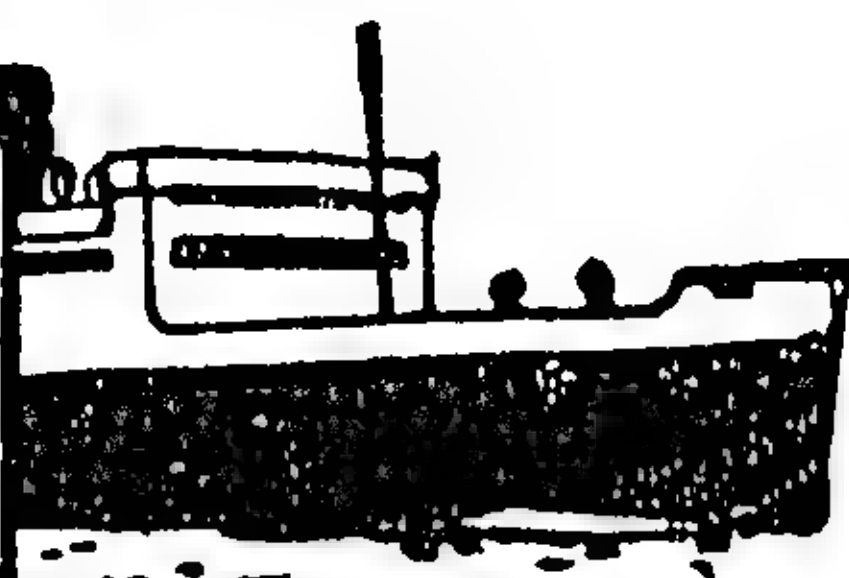
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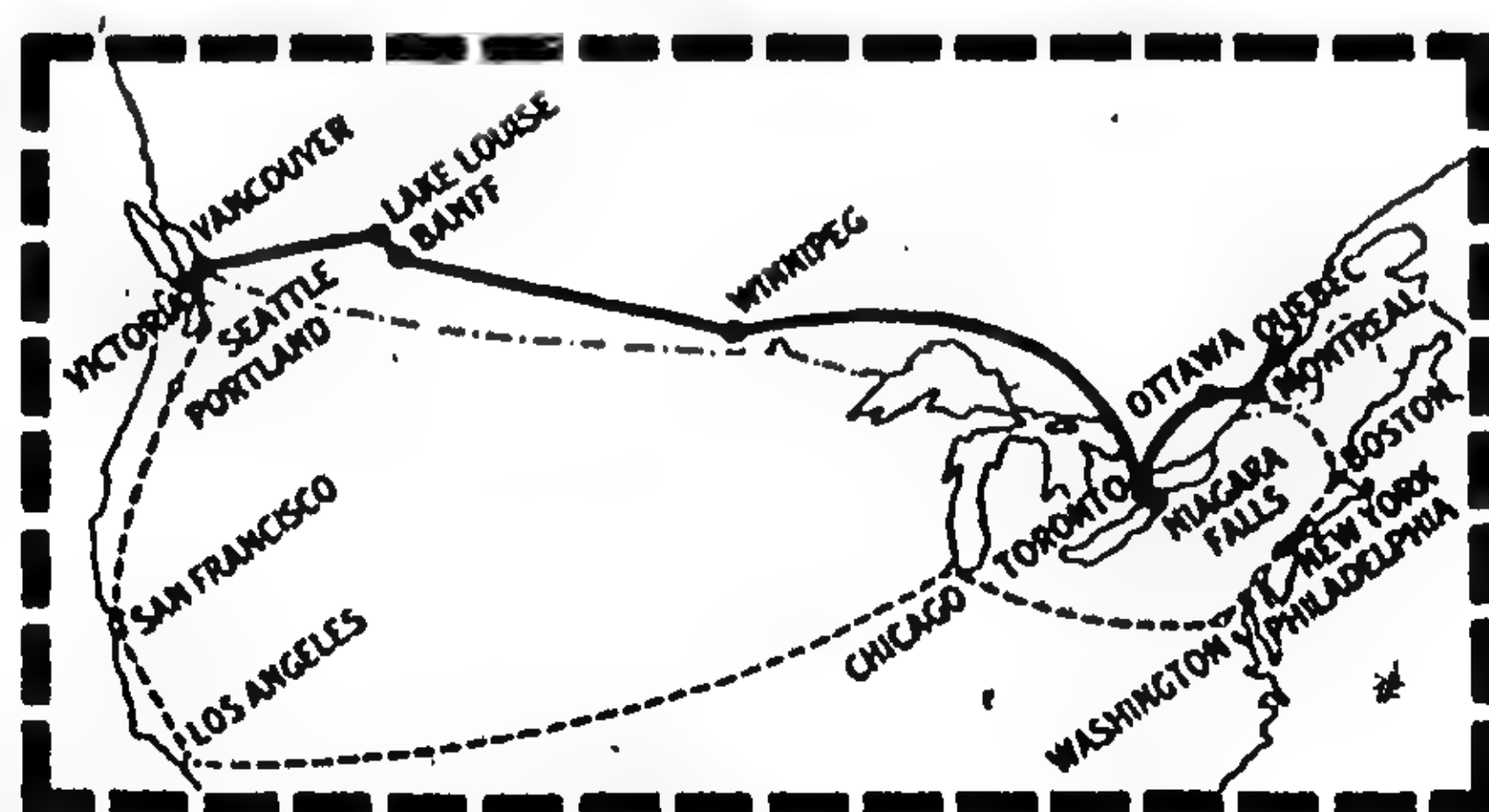
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MONDAY, MARCH 17		
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Kasima Maru	Saturday,	22nd Mar.
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*Onoe Maru	Sunday,	16th Mar.
*Toyooka Maru	Friday,	28th Mar.

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7.35 p.m.—Charlie Kunz at the Piano.  
Charlie Kunz Piano Medley No. R. 9.  
Intro: Love is everywhere; Ev'ry  
single little lingle of my heart; Roll  
Along Prairie Moon; The wheel of  
the Wagon is Broken; Love me  
forever; It's an Old Southern Cus-  
tom.  
Charlie Kunz Piano Medley No. R. 10.  
Intro: I'm in the mood for love;  
Everything's been done before;  
Dancing Time.

7.45 p.m.—Ambrose & His Orchestra.  
Fox-Trot—Rostin: Rumba Fox-Trot—  
The Gaucho Serenade; Fox-Trots—  
There's That Look In Your Eyes  
Again. Head over Heels (both from  
'Head over Heels'); Quickstep—Are  
You Havin' Any Fun? (from 'The  
Little Dog Laughed')

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and An-  
nouncements

8.02 p.m.—Ravel—Bolero. The Lam-  
oureux Orchestra of Paris conducted  
by the late Maurice Ravel.

8.19 p.m.—Songs by Ninon Vallin (Se-  
prano).  
Les Sirenes—Valse (d'Amour & Wald-  
teufel); L'Adorable Cantilene (Spencer-Chapelle); Valse de L'Adieu  
(Chopin-Calmes).

8.30 p.m.—Studio—Talk on A. A. Milne  
by Father T. Ryan, S.J.

8.50 p.m.—Elgar—Triumphal March  
(from 'Caractacus', Op. 35). London  
Symphony Orchestra conducted by  
Lawrence Collingwood under the su-  
pervision of Sir Edward Elgar

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

9.15 p.m.—London Relay—'Questions of  
the Hour'.

9.30 p.m.—Dance Music by Harry Roy  
and His Orchestra.  
No Name Rag. Rumba—The Lady  
(Continued at foot of Next Col.)

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(11) Ability or otherwise of applicant to:—

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(12) Whether applicant would be satisfied with non-transferable agricultural permit, valid for a period of a month, and capable of extension so long as applicant cultivates the plot to the best advantage and complies with the rules of the village settlement

(13) Date applicant is desirous of going to the village settlement and number, ages and sex of dependents whom he wishes to take with him.

The Fifth Issue of The Chinese Year Book, prepared from various official sources by the Council of International Affairs, Chungking, has been published and is on sale at the Commercial Press.

The said Council has enlarged the scope of the annual survey, and 1940-1941 issue being the second on the Sino-Japanese War and the Wartime Government, it is really a record of the Chinese Government and its people in the defence and reconstruction of their nation during this critical moment. Those interested will find this Year Book most valuable.

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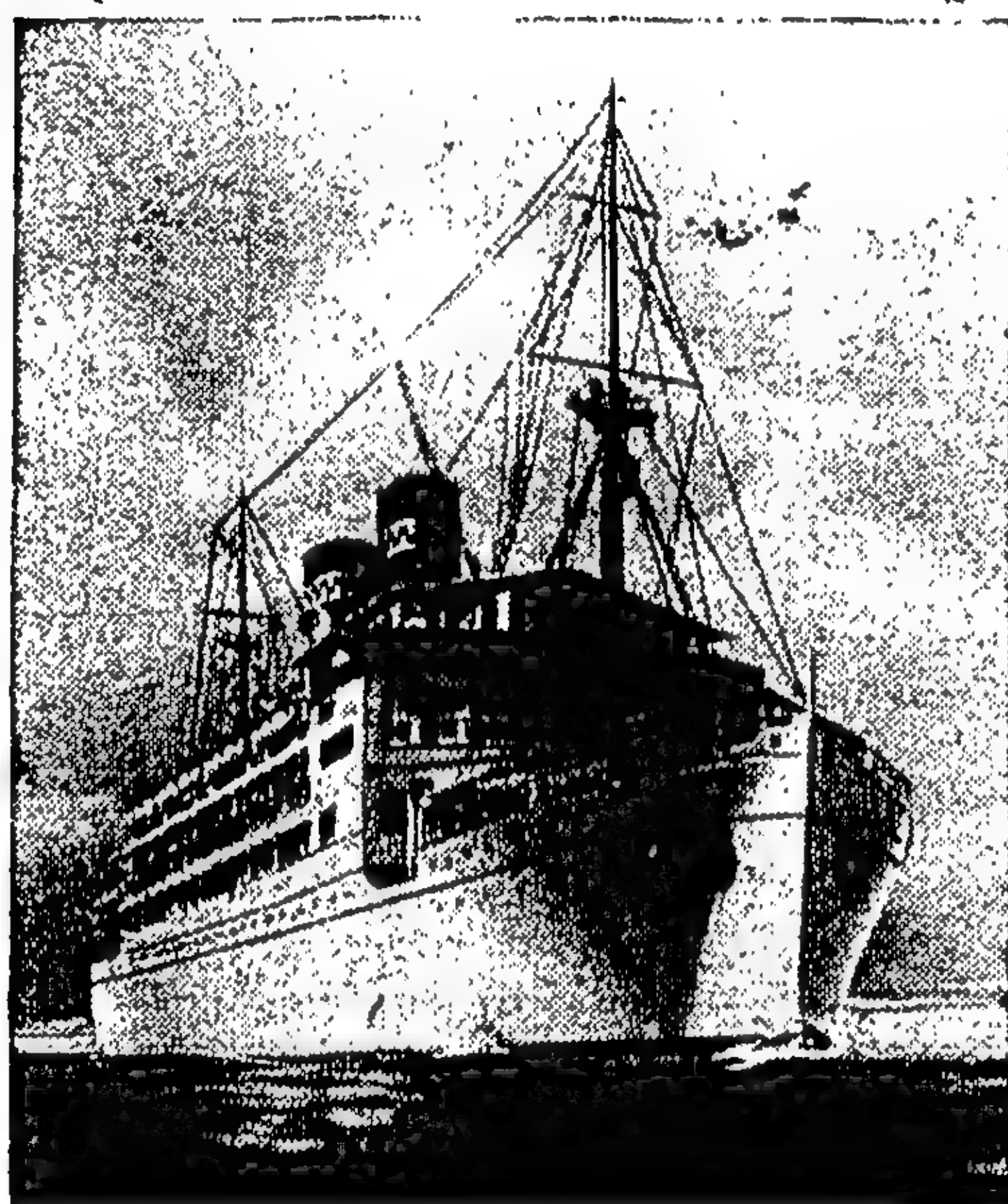
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10.00 p.m.—Songs by Leslie Hutchinson at the Piano.

It's A Long, Long Way to Your Heart (Pola-Brandt); So Little Time (Hilde Rose); My Heaven on Earth (film 'Start Cheering').

10.10 p.m.—Robinson Cleaver (Organ) and Patricia Rossborough (Piano).

Magyar Melody—Selection; Paris Honey-moon—Selection; Bird Songs at Eventide (Eric Coates)—Intro: A Brown Bird Singing (Haydn Wood); By The Waters of Minnetonka (Licurance)—Intro: Indian Love Call (Friml).

10.23 p.m.—Richard Crooks (Tenor) in a Light Orchestral Concert.

Choristers' Waltz (Phelps), Dream of Autumn (Joyce)... London Novelty Orchestra; O Song Divine (St. Ives-Temple)... Richard Crooks (Tenor) with Orchestra; Raindrops—Pizzicati for Strings (de la Riviere)... Bournemouth Municipal Orchestra cond. by Sir Dan Godfrey; A Dream of Paradise (Lyttelton-Gray)... Richard Crooks (Tenor) with Orchestra; A Fairy Ballet (White)... Bournemouth Municipal Orchestra conducted by Sir Dan Godfrey; My Sunshine Is You (Stolz)... Richard Crooks (Tenor) with Orchestra; Serenade (Moszkowski)... Carroll Gibbons and the Savoy Hotel Orpheans; Springtime Reminds me of You (Rotter-Jurman)... Richard Crooks (Tenor) with Orchestra; 'Two Love Sonnets' (Gade)—Why?, Because... Alfredo Campoli & His Orchestra.

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Due to the heavy showers which caused the week-end softball programme to be cancelled, the few remaining fixtures scheduled for the next two weeks have been pushed back for another week, resulting in the opening of the International series, tentatively set for March 23, being delayed for another week at least.

In view of the above postponement, it is assumed that the date for the closing of entries will be extended, but this is not yet certain. At a recent Committee meeting, it was anticipated that there would be a larger number of entries than former years, and representatives of nations were appointed.

A noticeable change in the grouping of teams, is that the Great Britain contingent will be further sub-divided into England, Scotland and Ireland, whilst newcomers to the series are Canada and Malaya.

#### Officials

J. Welford and Fred Hemslay will be in charge of the English squad, with Jock Phillips managing the Scottish contingent, and Dave Leonard and Plug Gillespie looking after the Shamrock aggregation. "Sunburn" Omar and Kassa Nazarin will represent India and Malaya respectively.

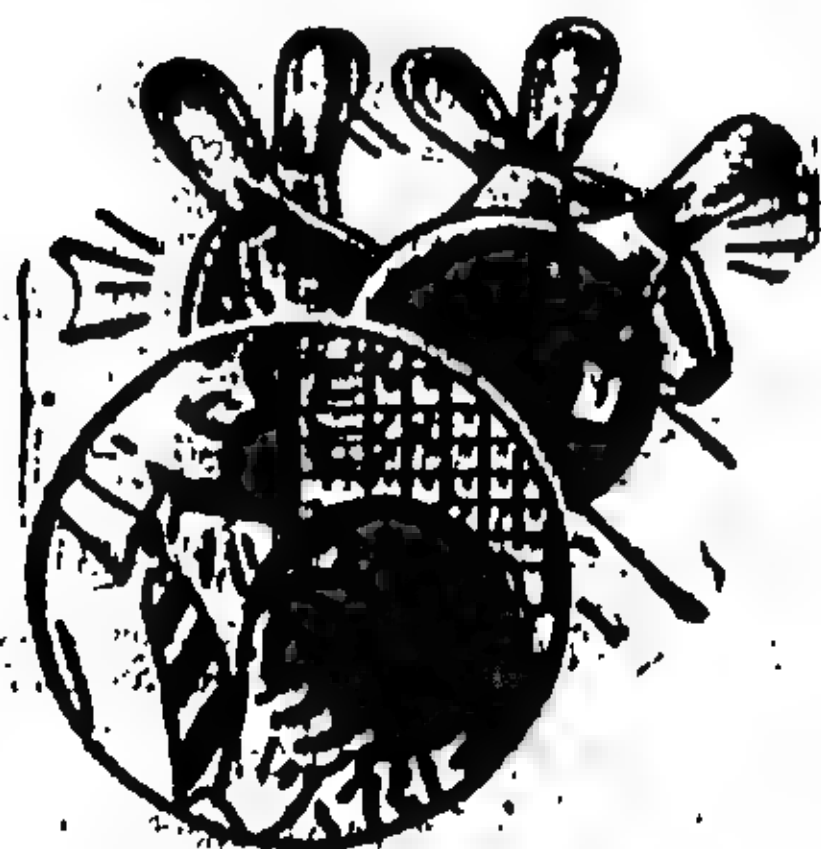
Representatives for the other nations are as follows: Portugal—Riri Noronha and Henry Barros; China—Abe Liu and F. C. Leung; U.S.A.—Chas. Waggoner and F. J. "Doc" Molthen; Canada—Pinky Higgins and Dave Walker; Philippines—Lucio Idefonso and Dave Amper.

#### Ladies' Series

Participants in the ladies' series are not yet ascertained, but it seems to this corner that China and Portugal will be the only nations to be able to put up teams, in which case it might be more interesting to run the series on a "best out of three" basis.

#### CONN'S LUCKY TOKEN

To remind the trade that he is Irish, Billy Conn, World Light-Heavyweight champion, punches a light training bag dyed green. The bag has now become something more than a national emblem. It is also by way of being a lucky token as Conn has yet to lose a fight since he started using it. On the last occasion he k.o.d. Bob Pastor, who once went the full distance with champion Joe Louis.



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### BATTING AVERAGES

By "Grandstand"

To date only four willow wielders in the Senior League are left in the 400 circle. The lead is being held by Eddie "Doctor" Gosano, but it is Dave Leonard, the Bam, who has driven many a chucker to despair, not to mention the showers, backed by his slugging lead of .925, that this corner considers the most spectacular hitter.

With the League drawing to a close, the Association is faced with an enigma in deciding on whom to confer the batting title in the ladies' loop.

Whereas it will be an easy matter for the authorities to decide on the Senior League title from the records, complete box-scores of all games having been kept, it will be another matter to select the batting queen, as only records for the second round of the League have been kept, and for another reason, the figures are hardly suitable, when one considers the habit of calling off games after five innings of play, when a stronger team meets a very much weaker one, thus handicapping the players of the stronger team from piling up their batting figures.

The alternative is to choose the champion by vote, and here again the Association is stumped in deciding on those qualified to vote.

#### "Screwly Provision"

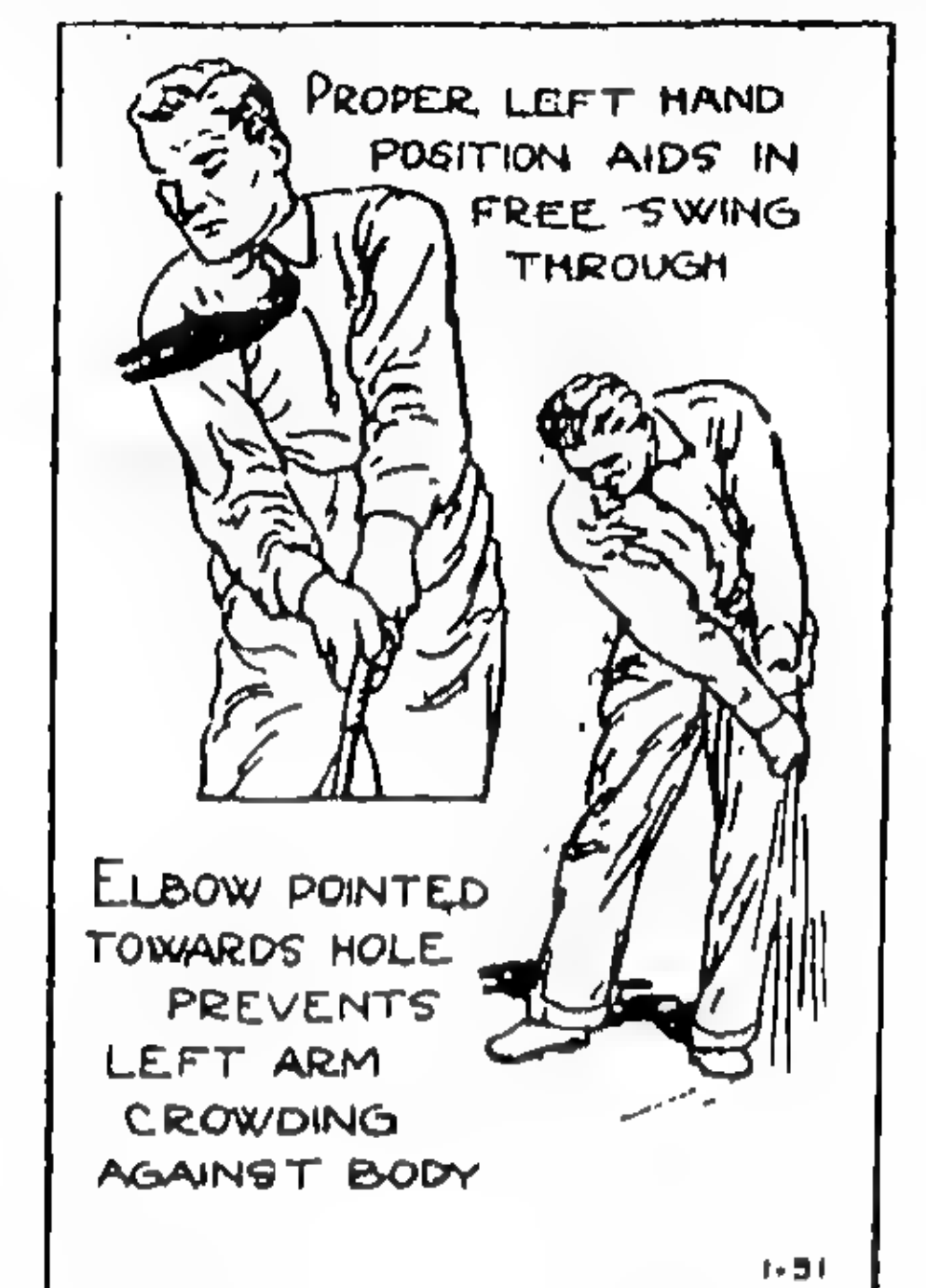
Another screwly provision, which is already being discussed in Junior League circles, is the condition that the Limjap trophy, symbol of Second Division supremacy, will be the property of the team winning the junior championship three years running. Since the winner of the Second Division will automatically be promoted to First Division for the next season, it will therefore be impossible for any team to possess the trophy permanently.

### C.C.C. CRICKET SELECTIONS

The following have been selected to represent Craigengower Cricket Club in League cricket matches on Saturday, at 2.00 p.m.: 1st XI (v. Reccelo, home)—E. Zimmern (Capt.), T. Edgar, E. H. Esmail, H. G. Foreman, A. J. Hulse, M. C. Hung, A. K. Ismail, E. J. Mitchell, W. Hong Sling, G. Souza and J. L. Young, saye.

2nd XI (v. K.C.C., away)—A. M. Omar (Capt.), N. Broadbridge, U. H. Esmail, A. B. Hamson, A. Hung, C. W. Lam, E. A. Lee, J. W. Leonard, S. Leonard, T. Lock and W. K. Way.

### GRAPHIC GOLF



#### Clearing The Hitting Action

By BEST BALL

To "clear the tracks" for a free swing through the ball, it is of course necessary to have the left hip well out of the path of the stroke. It is also essential to have the left arm in the best possible position to carry out the swinging-through mission. If the left hand grip is too far under the shaft, the elbow is turned in oftentimes causing a slight constriction between the upper part of this arm and the body. As the stroke descends, particularly in the impact area, these two parts of the body become cramped together preventing further free movement of the left arm and causing the stroke to collapse.

By gripping the club fairly on top of the shaft with the left hand, the left elbow is more in line with the intended path of the ball. This leaves greater clearance between the arm and the body so that the swing can be made uninterrupted and smooth. (Released by the Bell Syndicate, Inc.)

### ENGLISH CAVALIER GOES LAME

By "Rapier"

English Cavalier, an old griffin, China Pony, formerly belonging to Mr. Eu Tong-sen, and now owned by Mr. T. C. Yuen, was sent out for a gallop this morning and, after completion of its exercise, it was found to be lame. The Chinese riding boy had to dismount near the six furlongs post, and the pony was led back to the stables.

### ARMY SNOOKER

Following are the results of the Garrison snooker matches played on Monday:

B. A. Sergeants (Stanley) drew with Signals Corporals, 3-3.  
R.E. "A" drew with Signals "A" 3-3.

R.E. Sergeants beat Police 4-2.  
R.A.M.C. beat R.A.P.C. 5-1.

**LEAGUE STANDINGS**

Team	W	L	D	Pts
R.A.M.C.	11	6	1	24
R.E. Sergeants	11	7	2	24
R.A. Sergeants	11	5	1	23
C.M. Police	11	2	4	24
R.E. "A"	11	2	4	24
R.A.P.C.	11	3	5	23
Signals Cpls.	11	2	6	22
Signals "A"	11	3	7	22

Pte. Whybro, R.A.M.C., made a break of 28 against L/Sgt. Chalcraft, R.A.P.C., in the Silver Spoon Trophy match on Monday.

## THE EUROPEAN WAR DEALS HARD BLOW TO GAME OF TENNIS

THERE WERE NO LOBS AND VOLLEYS AND CANNONBALL SERVICES ON ENGLAND'S FAMOUS CENTRE COURT AT WIMBLEDON LAST SUMMER. INSTEAD, A BOMB THREATENED ITS DESTRUCTION, WRITES DILLON GRAHAM FROM NEW YORK.

Australia, too, was at war and the Davis Cup Adrian Quist and Jack Bromwich won the year before at Philadelphia was not put up for competition. Too many countries were affected by the European catastrophe.

And so tennis, dealt perhaps the hardest blow of any sport, lost its international flavour. There were some fireworks on the home front, however, with cocky little Bobby Riggs, dethroned after a one year reign as Donald Budge's successor.

#### Big Upset

A lanky, blond Oklahoman, Donald McNeill, upset Riggs to win the National singles championship. This triumph climaxed a fine season for McNeill, one that sees him claim also the National clay court and intercollegiate singles crowns.

McNeill, from Kenyon College, had whipped Riggs in the clay court finals in four sets in early summer. But the National at Forest Hills was another thing. Everyone—including Riggs—thought that Bobby, an inspired performer when he wanted to win badly enough, would hand Don a dressing-down before the swanky society crowd at the Nationals.

And it looked like Riggs, as Bobby took the first set 6-4, and pulled away to the second 6-6. Few thought that any amateur could spot Riggs two sets and win. But McNeill got his game under control and began outpointing Riggs. He took the third set at 6-3, the fourth at the same score.

Surely Bobby had been coasting a bit and had saved enough to rush through that last deciding set. But he hadn't. The southwestern took that series of hard-fought games at 7-5 and the most valuable crown in tennis was his.

#### Success Easy

With Alice Marble at her peak the women's championship was just a formality. She raced through without the slightest difficulty, dusting off Helen Jacobs in the final's 6-2, 6-3. Tennis enthusiasts didn't know it then but they were watching Alice win her last amateur championship. A few months later she answered the call of gold and turned professional, along with Mary Hardwicke of England.

Queen Alice paired with Sarah Palfrey to win the women's doubles and with Riggs to take the mixed doubles championships.

Jack Kramer and Ted Schroeder won a surprise victory in the men's doubles. Out of his fall Riggs managed to save one championship—the indoor, in which he beat McNeill in five sets. Sarah Palfrey whipped Pauline Betz to take the women's indoor singles. Associated Press.

### SUNDAY'S HOCKEY

Following are the matches to be played on Sunday in the Hong Kong Hockey Association Tournament—

Time	Home Team	Away Team
10.30 A.M.	Royal Engineers	Police "A"
11.30 A.M.	Reccelo	Police "B"
1.30 P.M.	6th A.A. "B"	Nomads
4.30 P.M.	C.B.A. Khalsa	Destroyers Signals



### SHELL JUNIOR TABLE TENNIS TITLE

The Shell Club table-tennis Junior Championship was decided at the Club's premises in Shell House on Monday, when Wai Yum-chee defeated A. M. Silva by three games to one. Wai was undoubtedly the better man and well deserved his victory, playing a steady game throughout.

Wai took things rather easily in the first game and coasted on to a 21-10 decision with some well-placed shots. Although the second game showed signs of developing into a patball session, Silva put up a better defensive show, and fully extended Wai before the latter could take the points. In the third game Silva adopted a more aggressive attitude and earned a hard-fought game, by playing out the full points.

Wai, however, proved he was the better man by winning the fourth game 21-15 to annex the championship.

Scores: 21-10 22-20 20-22 21-15.

The Senior Championship having reached the Final stages, will be played off some time next week, between Wong Iu-sun and Cheuk Kwai-chuen.

### HONG KONG FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

GOVERNOR'S CUP  
COMPETITION  
(SECOND GAME)

SUNDAY, MARCH 16, 1941

Football Association

Chinese Federation

Navy Ground, 3.30 p.m.

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# BADMINTON PAIRINGS

Following are leading Badminton League pairings—

## "A" Division

P.	L.	W.
K. W. Chee and C. K. Lee (University "A")	12	0 12
H. F. Chiu and P. K. Hui (University "A")	9	0 9
P. S. Bun and M. S. Lim (University "A")	6	1 5
M. P. Young and Y. P. Young (University "B")	0	1 5
C. Au and H. Koh (Chinese "Y")	12	7 5
J. J. Remedios and H. F. Goncalves (Recreio)	15	10 5
M. A. Oliveira and A. M. Rodrigues (Recreio)	15	10 5
F. Koh and C. Y. Yung (Chinese "Y")	15	10 5
C. Au and F. Koh (Chinese "Y")	6	2 4
P. H. Wong and P. C. Lau (Chinese "Y")	9	5 4
L. A. Carvalho and A. M. Silva (Recreio)	15	11 4
C. K. Lee and S. L. Yung (University "B")	3	0 3
M. S. Lim and S. F. Yung (University "A")	3	0 3
T. T. Chiu and F. L. Yung (University "B")	6	3 2
P. H. Hon and H. F. Chiu (University "A")	3	1 2
C. K. Cheuk and K. B. Lin (University "B")	3	1 2
S. Amplaivanar and A. P. Lee (University "B")	3	1 2
M. P. Young and Y. P. Young (University "A")	3	1 2
P. H. Wong and C. Y. Yung (Chinese "Y")	3	2 1
P. H. Wong and T. W. Wong (Chinese "Y")	3	2 1
C. Au and P. H. Wong (Chinese "Y")	3	2 1
K. B. Low and S. Amplaivanar (University "B")	3	2 1
C. K. Cheuk and S. Amplaivanar (University "B")	3	3 0
H. Koh and T. C. Lau (Chinese "Y")	6	6 0

## "B" Division

P.	L.	W.
A. L. Fisher and P. Wynter-Blyth (K.C.C.)	21	3 18
N. L. Smith and P. Wilson (St. John's)	18	1 17
H. Eardley and D. Kwok (St. John's)	16	0 15
E. F. Fincher and H. Kow (St. Andrew's)	18	4 14
D. M. Xavier and S. A. Rum-Jahn (V.R.C.)	18	5 13
S. P. Chan and K. J. Atwell (King's)	12	0 12
W. Gillies and L. Gordon (Police)	21	9 12
C. F. Chiu and S. C. Liang (Chung Wah)	12	2 10
S. P. Chan and W. C. Chung (King's)	9	0 9
A. E. Brown and S. A. Gray (St. Andrew's)	15	6 9
W. H. Choy and W. C. Choy (Chung Wah)	9	1 8
P. C. Leung and K. F. Chiu (Chung Wah)	12	4 8
Peter Lo and J. Tsang (Kowloon Tong)	15	7 8
M. M. Davies and B. Gillespie (St. Andrew's)	15	7 8
K. L. Lui and W. C. Chung (King's)	9	2 7
A. Odell and M. Talan (J.R.C.)	12	5 7
T. Lam and K. H. Lo (King's)	15	8 7
J. L. Anderson and H. S. Jones (K.C.C.)	15	8 7
C. C. Pereira and E. A. R. Alves (Recreio)	9	3 6
H. T. Woo and K. L. Lui (King's)	9	3 6
P. A. Yvanovich and P. P. Botelho (Recreio)	6	1 5
R. Maynard and G. S. Ladd (St. John's)	21	16 5
A. E. Xavier and A. E. Noronha (Recreio)	9	5 4
S. Ramler and B. Godkin (J.R.C.)	12	8 4
A. Basto and M. M. de V. Soares (V.R.C.)	15	11 4
C. F. Chiu and P. C. Leung (Chung Wah)	3	1 2
S. C. Liang and K. F. Chiu (Chung Wah)	3	0 2
C. F. Chiu and W. H. Choy (Chung Wah)	3	0 2
E. A. R. Alves and B. T. Gosano (Recreio)	3	0 2
E. Zimmermann and D. Hazell (K.C.C.)	3	0 3
W. Lawrence and A. E. Noronha (Recreio)	3	0 3
D. Hazell and A. E. P. Guest (K.C.C.)	6	3 3

D. Kwok and E. Kennard (St. John's)	6	3 3
A. E. P. Guest and E. Zimmermann (K.C.C.)	6	3 3
J. L. Anderson and D. Hazell (K.C.C.)	6	3 3
H. S. Jones and A. E. P. Guest (K.C.C.)	3	1 2
F. H. Kwok and R. E. Lee (Kowloon Tong)	3	1 2
F. H. Kwok and J. Chan (Kowloon Tong)	6	3 3
R. E. Lee and K. M. Lee (Kowloon Tong)	3	1 2
S. C. Chan and Leo Po (Kowloon Tong)	3	1 2
F. S. Li and S. C. Liang (Chung Wah)	3	1 2
R. E. Lee and P. O. Fletcher (Kowloon Tong)	3	1 2
K. L. Lui and J. Pau (King's)	3	1 2
K. H. Lo and W. C. Chung (King's)	3	1 2
N. Whitley and N. L. Smith (St. John's)	3	1 2
A. E. Xavier and C. C. Pereira (Recreio)	3	1 2
K. J. Ottwell and K. H. Lo (King's)	3	1 2
E. F. Fincher and H. Merrett (St. Andrew's)	3	1 2
W. H. Choy and S. F. Lee (Chung Wah)	6	3 2
S. T. Chan and S. C. Chan (Kowloon Tong)	6	4 2
G. Brown and A. A. Remedio (V.R.C.)	6	4 2
W. C. Choy and K. F. Chiu (Chung Wah)	8	2 1
E. A. R. Alves and P. A. Yvanovich (Recreio)	3	2 1
A. E. Xavier and R. M. Soares (Recreio)	3	2 1
O. el Arculli and S. A. Rum-Jahn (V.R.C.)	3	2 1
B. Godkin and M. Talan (J.R.C.)	3	2 1
N. A. E. Mackay and J. A. Chen (Kowloon Tong)	3	2 1
R. E. Lee and F. S. Ku (Kowloon Tong)	3	2 1
H. Dingsdale and C. Y. Sui (Police)	3	2 1
N. A. E. Mackay and R. E. Lee (Kowloon Tong)	2	2 1
A. E. Xavier and E. M. Alarcon (Recreio)	3	2 1
E. M. Alarcon and A. E. Noronha (Recreio)	3	2 1
B. T. Gosano and P. Yvanovich (Recreio)	3	2 1
H. S. Jones and E. Zimmermann (K.C.C.)	3	2 1
A. K. Rumjahn and M. M. de V. Soares (V.R.C.)	3	2 1
E. A. R. Alves and P. P. Botelho (Recreio)	6	5 1
A. R. Poliak and L. Landau (J.R.C.)	6	5 1
A. Poliak and M. Talan (J.R.C.)	6	5 1
B. Godkin and J. Odell (J.R.C.)	6	5 1
J. MacDonald and H. Dingsdale (Police)	9	8 1
F. Castro and A. A. Remedio (V.R.C.)	12	11 1
A. Odell and S. Ramler (J.R.C.)	3	3 0
P. P. Botelho and A. E. Noronha (Recreio)	3	3 0
R. Hogarth and J. Shepherd (Police)	3	3 0
D. M. Xavier and S. Souza (V.R.C.)	3	3 0
A. Basto and A. A. Noronha (V.R.C.)	3	3 0
A. E. Brown and M. M. Davies (St. Andrew's)	3	3 0
A. S. Bliss and V. Merrett (St. Andrew's)	3	3 0
M. M. Davies and M. Merrett (St. Andrew's)	3	3 0
E. H. White and J. Tomlinson (St. Andrew's)	3	3 0
S. Ramler and L. Landau (J.R.C.)	3	3 0
A. R. Poliak and S. Ramler (J.R.C.)	3	3 0
L. Landau and A. Odell (J.R.C.)	3	3 0
H. Dingsdale and J. Fernier (P.R.C.)	3	3 0
C. Y. Sim and J. Shepherd (P.R.C.)	3	3 0
R. Hogarth and J. Fernier (P.R.C.)	3	3 0
R. M. Lavalle and S. T. Chan (Kowloon Tong)	3	3 0
Peter Lo and M. S. Lee (Kowloon Tong)	3	3 0
H. A. Barros and A. E. Noronha (Recreio)	3	3 0
A. E. Xavier and H. A. Noronha (Recreio)	3	3 0
T. J. Mackay and R. Hogarth (Police)	3	3 0
R. Mackenzie and J. Shepherd (Police)	3	3 0
A. R. Poliak and A. Odell (J.R.C.)	6	6 0
A. R. S. Major and C. Y. Siu (Police)	12	12 0

# Army Should Beat Navy This Afternoon

By "Referee"

THE SECOND GAME OF THE KOTEWALL CHARITY CUP SERIES WILL BE PLAYED THIS AFTERNOON AT CAROLINE HILL WHEN ARMY MEET NAVY AT 4.30 P.M.

On current form Army should win, but Navy now have a well-balanced side and should give the soldiers a good game. Navy are not the strength they were several weeks ago but the newcomers have settled down and have developed a good understanding, particularly in the forward line. In spite of the disappointing form shown by Army in the Lal Wah Cup Final when they were beaten by Civilians, the Army team has not been altered although several positional changes have been made.

Hossack will lead the forward-line with Fox as his inside-right, while Freshwater and Birrell will be seen at left-half and right-half, respectively.

The game between Army and South China will be played at a later date and if Army succeed today a very good gate is expected.

Following are the teams: ARMY—Baukier, Fraser and Naysmith, Freshwater, Bright and Birrell, Owens, Fox, Hossack, Weir and Duffield. NAVY—Giff, Roughley and O'Regan, Layhe, Hazard and Hull, Anderson, LePage, Hendy, Barber and Skinner.

## SERVICES RUGBY XV

Following have been selected to represent Combined Services v Combined Club and Police on Saturday, at Boundary Street.

"A" XV—Morahan (Navy); McGill (Navy); Wilson (Navy); Giblin (Army); and Macdonald (Army); Keeble (Army) and Bowden (Navy); Winter (Navy); Deldenfield (Army); Palmer (Navy); Stockham (R.A.F.); Evens (Army); Flynn (Navy); Eddison (Army); and Page (Army).

1ST XV—Fairclough (Army); Richards (Army); Paul (Navy); Hook (Army); and Marsh (Army); Carter (Navy); and Morgan (Army); Bompas

## PRESENTATION OF H.K.F.C.

A pleasant function was held at the clubhouse of Hong Kong Football Club yesterday evening when the No. 1 boy of the Club, Lam Fook, was the recipient of a handsome silver cup and a cheque, subscribed by the members, on the occasion of his retirement after 37 years' service.

There was a large attendance of members at the pavilion and Mr. H. R. Forsyth, President of the Club, called upon Mr. M. R. B. Hancock, the oldest member, to make the presentation.

Mr. Hancock said that Lam Fook was a very faithful and respected servant of the Club. He wished Lam Fook the best of health and luck in his retirement.

The cup was suitably inscribed in English while there was, inscribed in Chinese, also a message of thanks from Lam Fook for the kindness the Club had shown towards him and wishing the Club success in every field of sport.

(Army), Hewitt (Army), Sutherland (Army), Millar (Army), Kung (Navy), Pinkerton (Army), Berry (Army), and Gillam (Army). Reserves: — Easterbrook, Sutcliffe, Dobbinson, Clark, Macdormatt, Turner, and Cook (Army); Danger, Dobson, Inglis, and Hughes (Navy).

## HOME FOOTBALL PROGRAMME

Following are the Home soccer fixtures for the week-end:

### WAR CUP

Second Round (South)	Cardiff v Reading
Second Round (North)	Grimsby v Barnsley
	Leeds v Middlesbrough

Third Round (South)	Leicester v Mansfield
	Queen's Park v Chelsea
	West Ham v Arsenal

Third Round (North)	Everton v Manchester C.
	Preston v Tranmere

### LONDON CUP

Aldershot v Fulham	Football League (South)
Bournemouth v Brighton	
Portsmouth v Southampton	
Southend v Watford	
Luton v Norwich	

South Regional League	Brentford v Crystal P.
	Notts C. v Notts F.
	West Brom. v Stoke

West Regional League	Bath v Cardiff
	Corinthians

Lothians Athletic v Aoceraman	
Swansea v Bristol C.	

### SCOTTISH CUP

Airdrie v Motherwell	
Celtic v Partick	
Hamilton v Albion	
Morton v St. Mirren	
Falkirk v Dumbarton	
Rangers v Third Lanark	
Hearts v Clyde	
Queen's Park v Hibernian	

—Reuter.

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# EWO BEER



# ITALIANS SMASHED

## Greeks Keep Up Attack On Central Front

### FASCIST MINISTER KILLED

The Greek Press Ministry in Athens confirmed yesterday that the Fascist Minister of Education, Bottai, was killed in recent fighting at the head of a Black Shirt battalion. He was engaged in firing on his own troops in retreat when killed. —Reuter.

### CARDINAL SCHULTE PASSES

CARDINAL KARL JOSEF SCHULTE, ARCHBISHOP OF COLOGNE, DIED ON MONDAY NIGHT AGED 69. SAYS THE SWISS RADIO.

Cardinal Schulte, who was well-known to troops of the British Army on the Rhine after the Great War, was associated with the German hierarchy in condemnation of the Nazi sterilisation law.

He was prominent during the last war in alleviating the lot of British and French prisoners of war in Germany. —Reuter.

## Blackshirts Retire In Confusion

HUNDREDS OF ITALIAN dead were left behind when, after strong artillery preparation, Greek infantry again attacked early on Monday morning in the central area of the Albanian front, states a Greek Press Ministry bulletin reported by Athens radio last night.

Guns, ammunition, automatic arms and machine-guns were captured, as well as 300 Italian prisoners, including a number of officers.

The Italians put up a determined defence, making desperate efforts to check the furious Greek onslaught, but their efforts were of no avail.

The enemy's strongest positions, one of them on a peak nearly 8,000 feet high, were captured by the Greek forces and the Italians were put to flight after suffering very severe losses.

Greek detachments gave chase and the Italians' flight was so precipitate that they left many dead and wounded on the battlefield. —Reuter.

### R.A.F. Support

The R.A.F. is continuing its support of the Greek army in their smashing attacks on the Italian forces in Albania.

Yesterday the R.A.F. raided motor transport concentrations and enemy camps. —Reuter.

## LOFOTEN UPSETS THE HUNS

The Lofoten Islands raid has only served to increase the considerable nervousness prevailing in German circles in northern Norway, according to a Norwegian telegraph agency report.

The report states that at Tromsø and Harstad, in particular, the occupation forces have been greatly alarmed by the presence of British warships in neighbouring waters.

They now feel that no port along the Norwegian coast is safe from a possible raid.

The vast majority of the Norwegian people are enthusiastic about the British raid.

The Quisling newspaper "Fritt Folk" states: "Svolvær, 'centre of the Norwegian fishing industry, was shelled to pieces and devastated.' — Reuter.

## THRUST INTO ABYSSINIA

Another British thrust into Abyssinia from the Sudan is revealed in yesterday's communique from British Headquarters in Cairo.

The communique announces that the Imperial forces have captured Afadu and are now advancing towards Aspa.

The enemy has abandoned four guns and quantities of armament in his retreat.

Further east patriot forces have captured a town and are continuing their pursuit of the Italian columns. —Reuter.

### SIR WALFORD DAVIES PASSES

The famous British musician, Sir Walford Davies, who has been Master of the King's Music since 1934, died in London yesterday. —Reuter.

### WEYGAND BACK IN ALGIERS

General Weygand arrived back in Algiers from Vichy yesterday, according to a Vichy report quoted by Reuter.

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## STOP PRESS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Six British diplomats were injured in Istanbul last night and three Turks killed when two high-powered bombs exploded in quick succession in the Pera Palace Hotel.

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## IMMIGRATION COMMISSION VISIT OFFICE

THE IMMIGRATION OFFICE, THE GENERAL AGENT FOR THE IMMIGRATION OFFICE, AND THE PASSPORT AND DEPOSIT REFUND SECTION, WERE VISITED AND INSPECTED THIS MORNING BY THE SPECIAL COMMISSION APPOINTED BY GOVERNMENT TO INQUIRE INTO THE WORKING OF THE DEPARTMENT.

The Commission, comprising Sir Atholl MacGregor (Chairman), Mr. C. B. Brown, Mr. David Drummond, Mr. H. K. Woo, and Mr. K. M. A. Barnett (Secretary), arrived at the Immigration Office, Marina House, at 9.30 a.m.

After observing the working of the department and inspecting some of the records kept by the staff, the Commission left at 10.15 a.m. and proceeded to the General Agent's office in Wyndham Street, accompanied by Mr. Walter Hanming Chen, Chinese Assistant Immigration Officer, and Mr. E. A. von Kobza.

Fifteen minutes later, the Commission, with the exception of the Chairman, paid a visit to the newly-added Passport and Deposit Refund Section at the corner of Connaught Road Central and Ice House Street.



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## NAZIS THREATENING U.S. WITH REPERCUSSIONS IN PACIFIC

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American Aid On Way

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Immediately after President Roosevelt signed the historic Lease and Lend Bill yesterday he ordered the immediate release of a large quantity of Army and Navy war materials to Britain and Greece.

The President also announced he would ask Congress for \$7,000,000,000 to carry on the programme of aid to the Democracies.

THE PRESIDENT WENT ON TO SAY HE WOULD MAKE A FIRESIDE RADIO CHAT TO THE NATION IN THE NEXT WEEK TO EXPLAIN TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WHAT HE PROPOSES TO DO UNDER THE PRECEDENT-SHATTERING BILL.

He indicated that some shipments of war materials were virtually on their way to Britain.

President Roosevelt revealed that the Administration is moving with all speed to get implementations of war abroad, and that Army and Navy officials concurred in the early dispatch of equipment from their supplies.—International News Service.

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### Matsuoka Journey Connected With American Attitude

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

SIGNATURE BY PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT OF THE AID BRITAIN BILL HAS ROUSED SHARP REACTIONS IN BERLIN, DESPITE THE FACT THAT PASSAGE OF THE MEASURE CAME AS NO SURPRISE.

Nazi officials close to the Wilhelmstrasse declared that the Lease and Lend Bill was "basically aggressive" and hinted vaguely that prompt counter-measures would be taken by the German Government.

The German authorities also connected the impending visit to Berlin of Mr. Matsuoka, the Japanese Foreign Minister, with Axis Alliance anticipation that President Roosevelt would push the Bill through, and declared that with the United States finally committed to undisguised alliance against Germany, they must look to possibly dangerous repercussions in the Far East.

Indicating that the passage of the Bill would result in accelerating German plans for a blitzkrieg against Britain, with intensification of the campaign by U-boats and aircraft against shipping entering the German blockade zone, the Nazi spokesman declared: "President Roosevelt will soon realise that many billions of dollars are being squandered for nothing."

Italian comment was more realistic.

#### Italian Comment

The influential official Rome newspaper "Messaggero" declared in an inspired comment: "The abandonment of neutrality by the United States will strongly influence the course of the war."

"IT WILL RELIEVE ENGLAND," SAID THE JOURNAL, "FINANCIALLY AND INDUSTRIALLY" THOUGH IT WILL ALSO POSSIBLY "STRENGTHEN LATIN-AMERICAN REGIONALIST MOVEMENTS AGAINST THE UNITED STATES."

#### Matsuoka Trip

Berlin declared last night that the forthcoming trip of Mr. Matsuoka will involve military discussions between Japan, Italy and Germany, and a high French authority in Vichy declared that Mr. Matsuoka is going to Berlin as part of an Axis scheme to bring about a Russo-Japanese non-aggression pact and to suppress all Soviet aid to China.

Opinion in Vichy, however,

does not support belief in success of Hitler's schemings. (Continued on Page 16)

### BRITAIN'S DESTROYER SHORTAGE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

HOPES THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL SEND ANOTHER DESTROYER CONTINGENT TO ENGLAND EQUAL TO THE FIRST BATCH OF 50, WERE EXPRESSED BY A BRITISH NAVAL EXPERT IN LONDON LAST NIGHT.

He said the destroyers needed certain re-equipment but all except two of the latest arrivals are now in service and there is now scarcely a convoy arriving in England without at least one original American destroyer as escort.—International News Service.

### CHINA FRICTION EVOKES U.S. DISPLEASURE

REUTER'S WASHINGTON correspondent calling to-day says that the continued friction between the Kuomintang and the Communists in China is disturbing Americans.

In an editorial under the heading "Bad News From China," the "New York Times" says that disquieting news from China in recent weeks has been the continued friction.

This quarrel cannot be dismissed by wholly condemning either side, the paper declares, and recalls that the Communists have fought vigorously against the Japanese and that their immediate objectives are democratic.

Similarly, Chiang Kai-shek's Government has its virtues and its faults, but one thing should be made clear to both sides.

American sympathy and American aid—unhappily smaller than it ought to be—has been given in the hope that China will become not only free but democratic.

If China is to be saved with our help from Japanese and Axis control, its embattled leaders will have to forget their divergent objectives and settle their present dispute peaceably.—Reuter.

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## Faster And More Powerful Fighters And Bombers

THE REVOLUTIONARY PROGRESS OF THE R.A.F., ITS NEW, FASTER AND MORE POWERFUL FIGHTERS AND BOMBERS, AND THE TRANSFORMATION OF EXISTING WORLD-KNOWN MODELS INTO VIRTUALLY NEW TYPES, WAS THE THEME OF AN ADDRESS BY THE AIR MINISTER, SIR ARCHIBALD SINCLAIR, IN INTRODUCING THE AIR FORCE ESTIMATES IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY.

Among types which the Minister mentioned publicly for the first time were the Beau fighter, designed for long-range operations and night fighting and carrying a very heavy armament, and the heavy Halifax bomber.

## FIGHTING SPIRIT OF PILOTS

Sir Archibald Sinclair expressed his own belief that the war was about to enter a grimmer phase but was completely confident in the final issue.

His confidence was based primarily on R.A.F. achievements which were summarised in two graphic sentences.

He said: "In the last ten months, in two theatres of war, the R.A.F. has fought against very great odds but not without success, as the destruction, mainly by our incomparable fighter squadrons, of some 4,250 German and 1,100 Italian aircraft, for the loss in combat of fewer than 1,800 aircraft of our own, the security of our shores, and the part played by the R.A.F. in the disruption of the Italian Empire, combine to testify."

Sir Archibald dealt with recuperative and medical services devoted to the R.A.F. and spoke of rest centres available and of the care taken to provide quiet quarters for pilots engaged in fighting.

### Psychological Care

He stressed the need for psychological care of pilots and said: "The fighting spirit of our pilots is so strong that unless they are closely watched they keep on flying long after they should have been rested from operations."

Four most up-to-date orthopaedic centres had been provided as well as centres for the most modern treatment, the progress of which he described as astonishing, for burns.

He thought progress in the self-sealing tank and other devices would substantially reduce risk from this injury.—British Wireless.

### RAW MATERIALS FOR FRANCE

Arrangements for the supply of raw materials from Germany for French industry were concluded by a representative of the French iron and steel industry during a six-day visit to Berlin from which he has just returned to Paris, stated Lyons radio last night.—Reuter.

### PETAÏN IS SOLD OUT

Parisians have bought 3,500,000 portraits of Marshal Petaïin in aid of the prisoners of war fund, says the Havas Agency, quoted by Reuter.

Later models of Spitfires and Hurricanes are now in service fitted with more powerful engines and heavier armament, he added.

The new Hawker Tornado will be equipped with engines nearly twice the horse-power of fighters which bore the brunt of the Battle of Britain. They can carry still heavier armament and yet attain a speed well over 400 miles an hour.

As to bombers, Hampdens, Wellingtons and Whitleys will be the main R.A.F. offensive weapon. The latest models of these are fitted with more powerful engines and some although the name remains—are quite different aircraft.

In addition there is a range of very much heavier bombers, including the Manchester and Halifax, all of which have already shown their worth against enemy targets.

They are more than twice the size of earlier types, are faster and carry heavier defensive armament and thrice the weight of bombs over the same distance as their predecessors.

### Raids In Germany

Sir Archibald declared our bombers had made 280 raids on aerodromes and seaplane bases, 300 on docks and shipping, 470 on railways and communications, and 630 on industrial targets, all in Germany, apart from their many very heavy raids on objectives in occupied territory.

In the same period Coastal Command aircraft had flown 16 million miles.

Squadrons from Canada, South Africa, Australia, New Zealand and Rhodesia, squadrons manned by men from India and Newfoundland and all the Colonial Empire, were playing their part in the battle.

"Another squadron, of which the House will hear more before long, is the Eagle Squadron, mounted on Hurricanes and manned by American pilots," declared the Air Minister.

### Enormous Growth

He continued: "The strength of one R.A.F. Command alone exceeds the total peace strength of the whole R.A.F. by nearly 50 per cent, while the two other Commands have a strength equal to more than the peace-time R.A.F. total."

"This expansion will be enormously accelerated during the coming year."

"British science stands in the forefront of aviation research and, despite the fact that flying training in Britain has to be carried out within the war zone, we accept no reduction in the standard of training."

"In some schools training is now being carried out not only in double shifts but even in four shifts."

### Empire Scheme

"The success of the Empire training scheme has surpassed all

expectations. In Canada the output of pilots and crews is well ahead of schedule and there has been a great expansion of training in Australia and New Zealand.

"Men trained under the great organisation in South Africa and Rhodesia are, like others trained overseas, fighting to-day brilliantly and successfully."

"The Governments of Malaya, Trinidad and Bermuda have themselves made arrangements to give elementary flying training."

"A full-scale training organisation is being formed in India for pilots of the R.A.F. and the Indian Air Force, while another training organisation established in Burma for the youths air training corps, launched five and a half weeks ago, has already enrolled 130,000 boys and formed over 1,000 units."

"Considering the total number of boys aged between 16 and 18 is only 750,000, this is a great achievement."

### Civil Aviation

"The war has necessarily restricted civil aviation but a service is running from Durban to Khartoum and Cairo, and thence across India to Australia, which links with the United Kingdom by flyingboats via Lisbon and West Africa."

"It is hoped possible to resume the trans-Atlantic service in the near future."

"THE R.A.F. IS NOW ON THE THRESHOLD OF ITS PERIOD OF GREATEST EXPANSION, AND DURING THE COMING TWELVE MONTHS WE SHALL ABSORB IN RAPIDLY INCREASING NUMBERS THE PRODUCTS OF AMERICAN, AS WELL AS BRITISH, INDUSTRY."

### In Time

Sir Archibald Sinclair continued: "Goebbels tells his German dupes that American help for Britain will arrive too late but I tell you that these formidable aircraft, the choicest fruits of American design and craftsmanship, will get here in time."

Sir Archibald would not be optimistic about the menace of the night bomber. More severe attacks than ever might well be in store, but our methods of defence and counter-attack were gradually improving and we should exact from night bombers, as we had already begun to exact, an increasing toll.

After pointing out that Britain had been fighting and was still to some extent fighting not one air force but two, the Air Minister



The work of clearing dangerous buildings and debris is still going on in the City of London. Photo shows Pioneers demolishing one of the buildings. (Copyright, Fox).

## BOMBS DROPPED IN SUEZ AREA

A few bombs were dropped on the Suez Canal area in the course of an air raid yesterday morning. No damage or casualties resulted, says Reuter from Cairo.

said we had destroyed half the Italian first-line and certainly destroyed much more than half of the first-line with which Germans entered the war.

### R.A.F. Fighting Strength

HE DECLARED THE STRENGTH OF THE R.A.F. WAS VERY MUCH GREATER NOW THAN WHEN THE BATTLE OF BRITAIN BEGAN LAST AUGUST.

The war, however, was about to enter a grimmer phase.

"IT WILL BE NO EASY TASK TO DEFEAT NAZI GERMANY BUT IT CAN, MUST AND WILL BE DONE." (CHEERS).

"Meanwhile, our pilots have so far maintained their individual ascendancy over the enemy that their chief difficulty to-day is to bring German pilots to battle."—Reuter.

### "GLORIOUS PAGE"

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"] "A glorious page in Japanese diplomacy" was the editorial comment made by the "Asahi Shimbun" yesterday on the signing of the Thai-Indo-China border agreement yesterday in Tokyo.—International News Service.

## 7 NIGHT RAIDERS DOWNED

Seven German aircraft were destroyed in attacks on Britain on Monday night.

Four were shot down in the Portsmouth area, which was the main Nazi target, by anti-aircraft guns. They were seen to crash or explode in mid-air by many witnesses.

It was also learned last night that two German bombers about to take off from an aerodrome in Holland were machine-gunned by a British bomber returning from the R.A.F.'s raid on Cologne on Monday night.

A Messerschmidt fighter which tried interception was promptly shot down.—Reuter.

## NAZIS & DARLAN "THREAT"

Admiral Darlan's threat to "convoy French merchantships" is "not a possibility but a certainty" alleged the German-controlled Paris radio yesterday.

The announcer quoted a number of articles in the Paris press in favour of this action. In well-informed quarters in London it was pointed out last night that this latest example of German propaganda lends support to the view that the Germans are anxious to see a clash between the French and British fleets as soon as possible.—Reuter.



# President Roosevelt Signs Lease And Lend Bill

## Fleet Of Motor Torpedo Boats To Be First Loan

**FREEDOM PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT SIGNED THE AID TO BRITAIN BILL IN WASHINGTON YESTERDAY. WITHIN A SHORT TIME OF THE BILL'S PASSING BY CONGRESS, IT WAS SIGNED BY THE VICE-PRESIDENT, MR. HENRY WALLACE, AND THE SPEAKER, MR. RAYBURN, WHO ARRANGED FOR SENDING IT IMMEDIATELY TO THE PRESIDENT.**

### WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE

Taking steady strides to establish the machine with which to operate the British aid programme immediately the Lease and Lend Bill becomes law, President Roosevelt called a White House conference yesterday morning.

Those attending were key members of Congress who will handle billions of dollars in appropriations to finance America's war effort. —Reuter.

### SIR WALFORD DAVIES PASSES

The famous British musician, Sir Walford Davies, who has been Master of the King's Music since 1934, died in London yesterday. —Reuter.

### WEYGAND BACK IN ALGIERS

General Weygand arrived back in Algiers from Vichy yesterday, according to a Vichy report quoted by Reuter.

Congressmen who saw President Roosevelt yesterday morning are reported to have stated that a fleet of mosquito boats will be despatched to Britain immediately, probably this week.

They also stated, it is reported, that food, particularly pork, cheese and possibly wheat, may be sent soon.

President Roosevelt disclosed his intention to ask Congress for a huge appropriation at his morning conference.

Senator Glass stated afterwards that the President would recommend this appropriation, which would be all in cash, to permit of the purchase of all articles authorised by the Bill. At the conclusion of the financial conference the President called another conference to discuss administrative plans for handling the British aid programme.

Mr. Henry Stimson, Secretary for War, and the Army and Navy chiefs were invited to attend.

### Final Vote

Voting in the House of Representatives on the final passing of the Bill was 317 to 71.

Congressional authorities disclosed later that President Roosevelt will ask Congress for an appropriation of \$7,000,000,000 to carry out the British aid programme.

Historic words were uttered by the Chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, Mr. Sol Bloom, making the closing speech in the House debate on the Senate amendments.

### Voice Of Roused America

Mr. Bloom said: "This Bill is the voice of a roused America sounding the trumpet call to victory for free government everywhere."

"By this action the United States gives the lie to the

cowardly defeatist cry that Democracy is powerless in face of aggression.

"We are now proving that Democracy can and will carry into effect Lincoln's high resolve that government of the people, to the people and for the people shall not perish from the earth." —Reuter.

## NEW JOB FOR JOHN EARL BAKER

Mr. John Earl Baker, until recently director of the American Red Cross in China, arrived in Chungking by air yesterday morning from Hong Kong.

Apart from declaring his resignation from the American Red Cross had been accepted, Mr. Baker declined to make any statement regarding his future plans.

Reuter learns authoritatively that Mr. Baker will shortly be appointed by the Chinese Government to take charge of transportation over the Burma road, which will be one of several measures contemplated by the Chinese Government for improvement of Burma road transportation. —Reuter.



## R.A.F. RAIDS IN EAST AFRICA

While the South African Air Force was raiding Harar on Saturday other R.A.F. bombers, operating further north in Italian East Africa, successfully attacked workshops on the Decamere road, near Teclesan, and the railway near Habi Mentel.

R.A.F. aircraft, states a Cairo communique, also continue to give very active support to the British troops closing in on Keren.

Several enemy gun positions were bombed and machine-gunned.

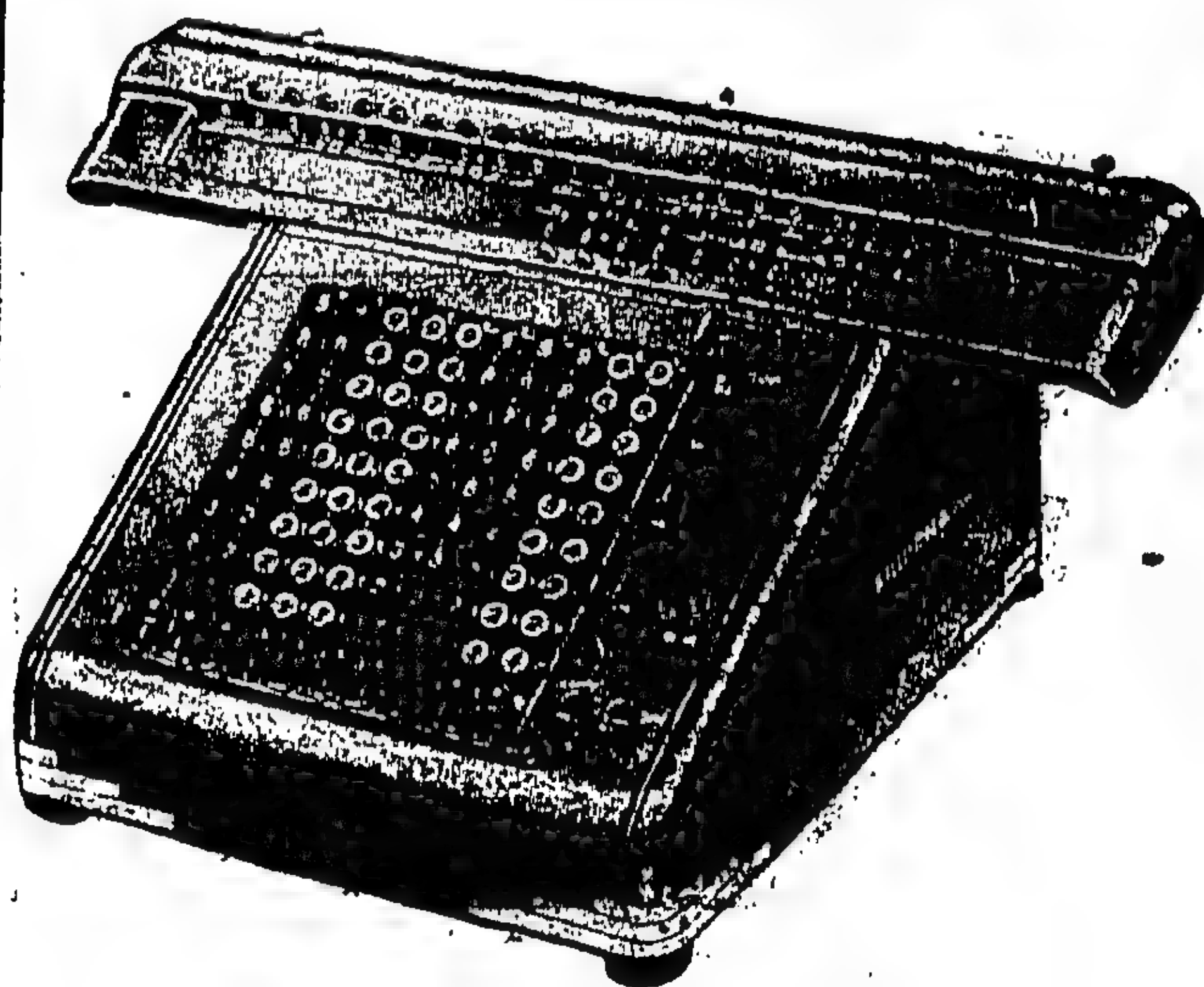
A bridge on the Keren-Asmara road was heavily bombed and a large petrol dump was destroyed south-west of Asmara. At Azoz, R.A.F. fighters machine-gunned and destroyed two enemy bombers on the ground. No British aircraft were lost in these operations. —Reuter.

## SINO-INDIAN CULTURAL SOCIETY

Accepting a donation of £750 from Mr. Tai Chi-tao, President of the Chinese Examination Yuan, the Tagore Visvabharath University has apportioned part of the sum to extending the Sino-Indian Cultural Society. —Reuter.

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# BARONET CHARGED WITH MURDER OF THE EARL OF ERROLL

**MAJOR SIR DELVES BROUGHTON, 53-YEAR-OLD BARONET, WAS YESTERDAY FORMALLY CHARGED IN NAIROBI WITH THE MURDER OF LORD ERROLL, 39-YEAR-OLD PEER WHO WAS FOUND DEAD TOWARDS THE END OF JANUARY.**

No evidence was called and the case was adjourned to March 19.

When Lord Erroll's death was announced it was reported due to a motor accident, but at the inquest the senior Government pathologist stated that two shots had been fired at Lord Erroll. Lord Erroll, he added, dodged the first but received a fatal injury from the second.—Reuter.

Both Lord Erroll and Major Broughton are members of old-established families.

## 22nd Earl

Lord Erroll was the 22nd Earl, the title having been created in 1453. He was 25th Hereditary Lord High Constable of Scotland. Lord Erroll was twice married, divorcing his first wife. His second wife died two years ago. Major Broughton is the 11th Baronet. Formerly in the Irish Guards, he was divorced last year.

## WOMAN KILLED IN LANDSLIDE

BURIED FOR ALMOST AN HOUR UNDER A LANDSLIDE THIS MORNING, A 73-YEAR-OLD CHINESE WOMAN SUSTAINED FATAL INJURIES AND DIED IN THE KOWLOON HOSPITAL.

The landslide occurred at about 10 a.m. in Ngau Tau Kok Village, Kowloon City, burying a village hut occupied by two persons.

The fire brigade was summoned and P.W.D. coolies formed a rescue squad. After an hour they came across the victims, who were removed to hospital. The aged woman, however, failed to survive.

## COUNTERFEIT COIN SENTENCE

Six months' hard labour was imposed by Major A. N. MacLayden at the Central Magistracy this morning, on Chan Tong, 30, for possession of eleven counterfeit 5-cent coins in Gage Street yesterday.

Defendant stated that the coins were given to him by "a friend," and that he did not know they were counterfeit.

## ALLEGED GANGSTERS REMANDED

Before Mr. H. C. Macnamara at Kowloon this morning, Ling Wai, 31, and Cheng Kau, 38, were remanded for 48 hours in police custody for further investigation of a charge of assault with intent to rob. Det.-Sgt. N. B. Fraser is in charge of the case.

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## Girl Victim's Story

Kidnapped in Shanghai four years ago, sold in Amoy for \$400, brought to Hong Kong and re-sold for \$200, was the story of an 18-year-old mui-tsai told at the Central Magistracy this morning before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C.

The story was told in the course of evidence against a 50-year-old Chinese widow, Lam Yip, who was fined \$30 for failing to report the possession of a ward.

Mr. H. W. Fraser, Inspector of Mui-tsai, told the Court that the girl was taken to the S.C.A. by Chun Heung, who stated that the girl went to his house and asked for a loan of \$200 to redeem herself.

According to the girl, she was kidnapped by a gang in Shanghai, and sold to a woman in Amoy for \$400 some four years ago. She was brought to the Colony and resold to the defendant for \$200.

She alleged that the woman tried to persuade her to take up prostitution. She refused and went to Chun for help.

## STEADY UNDERTONE ON STOCK MARKET

The London Stock Exchange was dull yesterday on the absence of constructive factors but there was no selling pressure and the undertone was steady. Some profit-taking was seen in gilt-edged, also in Indians, while industrials tended lower. Home rails and oils were irregular, and Kaffirs were quiet pending today's Union budget. Egyptian United advanced 1½ from 80. Wall Street was firm.—Reuter.

## GOLDEN FLEECE

Rumanian customs officials became suspicious of blood on a flock of sheep Bulgarian peasants were taking out of Rumania into Dobruja.

Investigation showed hides had been cut, gold inserted under the skin, and the cuts sewn. Some sheep wore gold bells around their necks. The Bulgarians were arrested.

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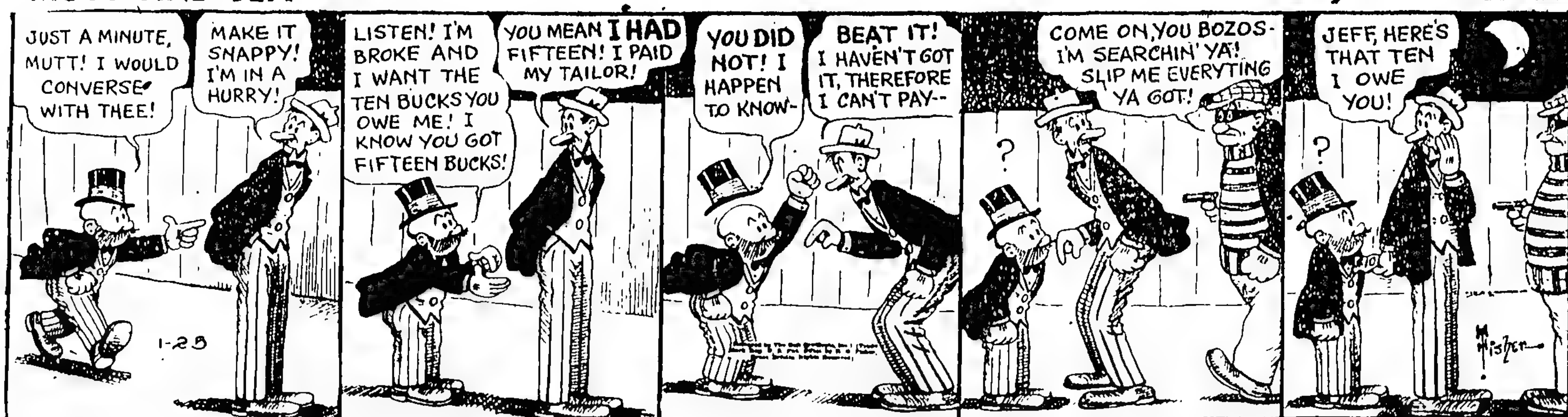
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## MUTT AND JEFF

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SOUTH AFRICAN BOMBING SQUADROONS HEAVILY RAIDED HARAR ON SATURDAY, ACCORDING TO AN OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE ISSUED IN NAIROBI YESTERDAY.

They attacked barracks in the town and anti-aircraft post. Direct hits were seen on the barracks and other large buildings. Fourteen.

JAPAN'S ARMY  
DISPOSITIONS

Japan has 52 divisions under arms, of which 30 are stationed in Manchuria and 10 in Japan, Korea and Formosa, stated a Chinese military expert in a pokesman in Chungking yesterday, reviewing Japanese military concentrations.

It is estimated Japan can maintain eight divisions for offensive and push, with Sango as the main objective, the pokesman added. (Reuter)

CHINA'S SPIRITUAL  
VICTORY ACHIEVED

"CHINA HAS ALREADY won a spiritual victory," declared a manifesto issued by the Second People's Political Council prior to its adjournment in Chungking yesterday.

The manifesto declares that China's policy of armed resistance and national reconstruction had been proven practical by nearly four years of the war. To-day, the world realised that China, engaged in a life-and-death struggle, was "the pillar of the Far East."

While Japan was losing confidence in her campaign, China's faith in successful self-defence was growing.

The European war, the manifesto adds, testified that China's policy was absolutely correct. No fewer than ten countries had collapsed as a result of the European war, and the conclusion is that the main factors for sustaining the fight and winning victory were unity of purpose and strong armaments.

The manifesto appeals to the nation to build itself up to a solid fighting force and to regard national defence as the most urgent task.

Politically, the nation should seek closer cooperation, support the National Government and all its decrees.

## Appeal To Communists

Expressing confidence in the Government's sincerity in its pledge to introduce Constitutional Government, and declaring that the old idea of parties and cliques must be discarded and substituted by the new idea of a fighting nation, the manifesto urges the Communist Party to abide by its declaration of September, 1937, to support national unity and be loyal to the State consistently.

Unified command was the basic factor for victory.

## Food Shortage

The manifesto blames mismanagement as the principal cause of the food shortage and rise in commodity prices, and expresses the hope that Government will efficiently exercise economic control, readjust the currency situation, improve transportation facilities and regulate distribution and marketing.

The manifesto expresses appreciation of the concern and sympathy shown by Great Britain, the United States and the Soviet Union regarding China's war, pledges support of Government's policy of seeking closer cooperation with friendly Powers and hopes that the Government will make it unmistakably clear that any country supporting Japan's policy would be considered as China's enemy.—Central News.

GERMAN 'PLANE GUNS  
BRITISH SEAMEN

A savage attack on a British ship by a Nazi plane off the English coast was reported when the vessel reached a north-west port. "The plane dived from a cloud with its engine shut off and dropped a couple of bombs on us," a seaman said. "The Nazi disappeared as quickly as he arrived, but he came back four times and raked the ship with machine-gun bullets; and also fired cannon shells. "He seemed to be making a determined effort to wipe out the crew. We are lucky to be alive to be able to bring the ship into port."

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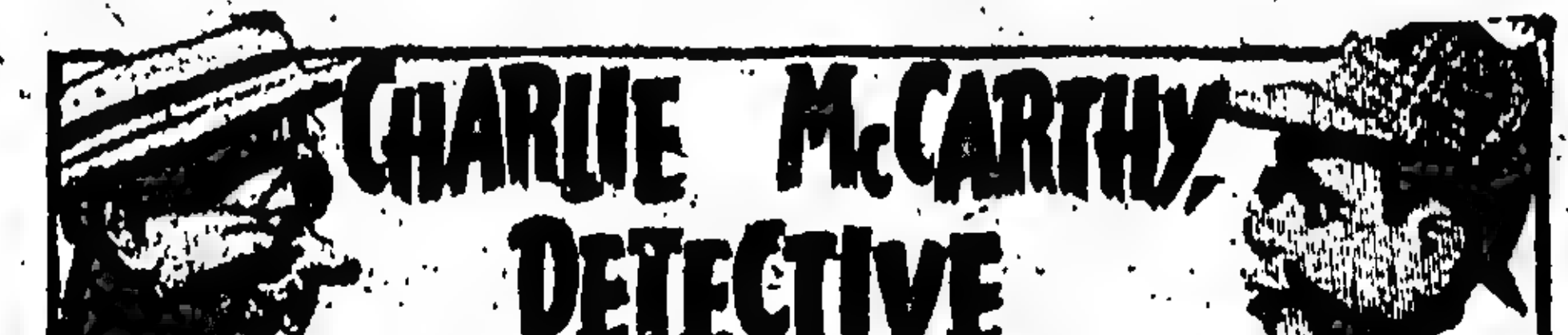
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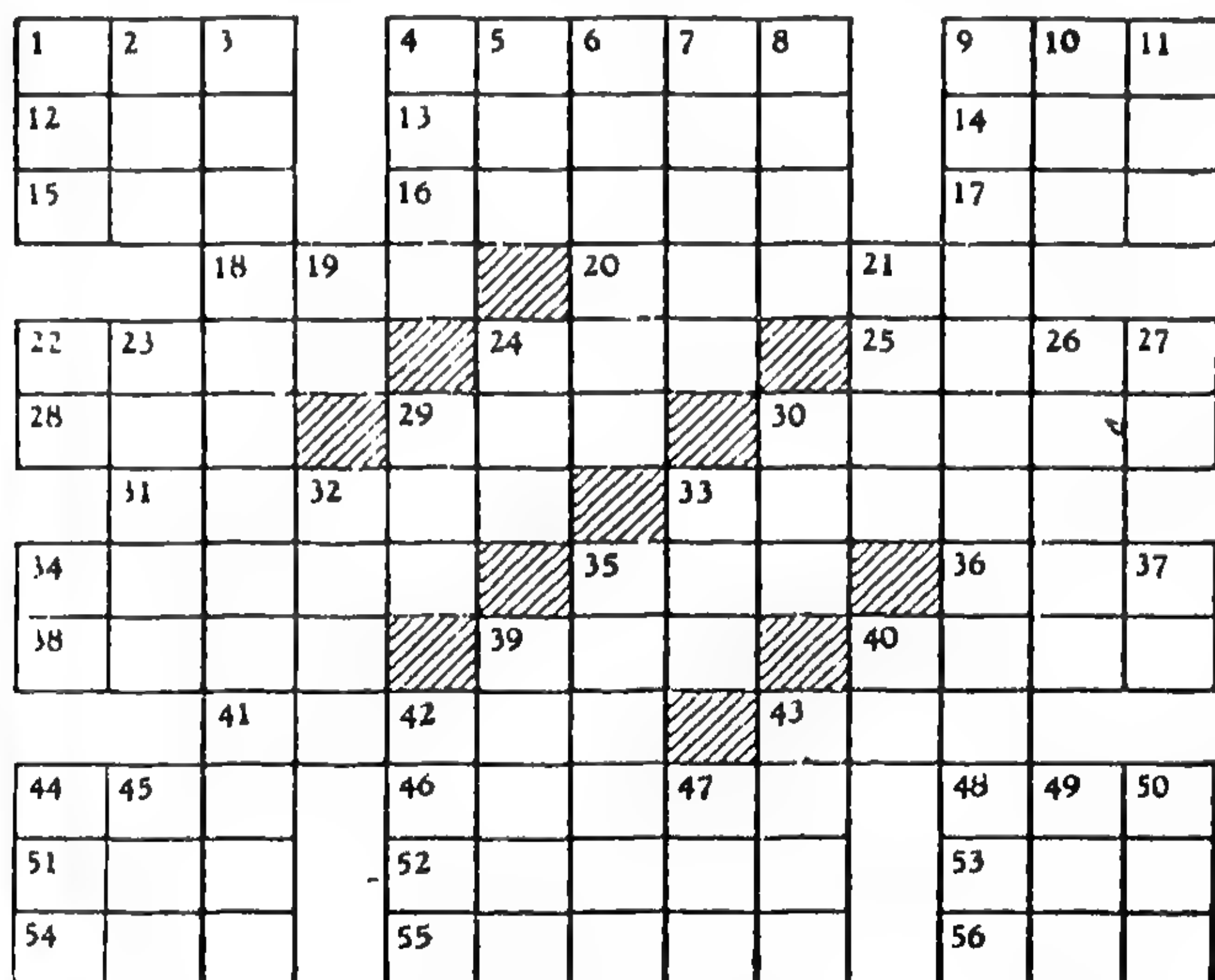


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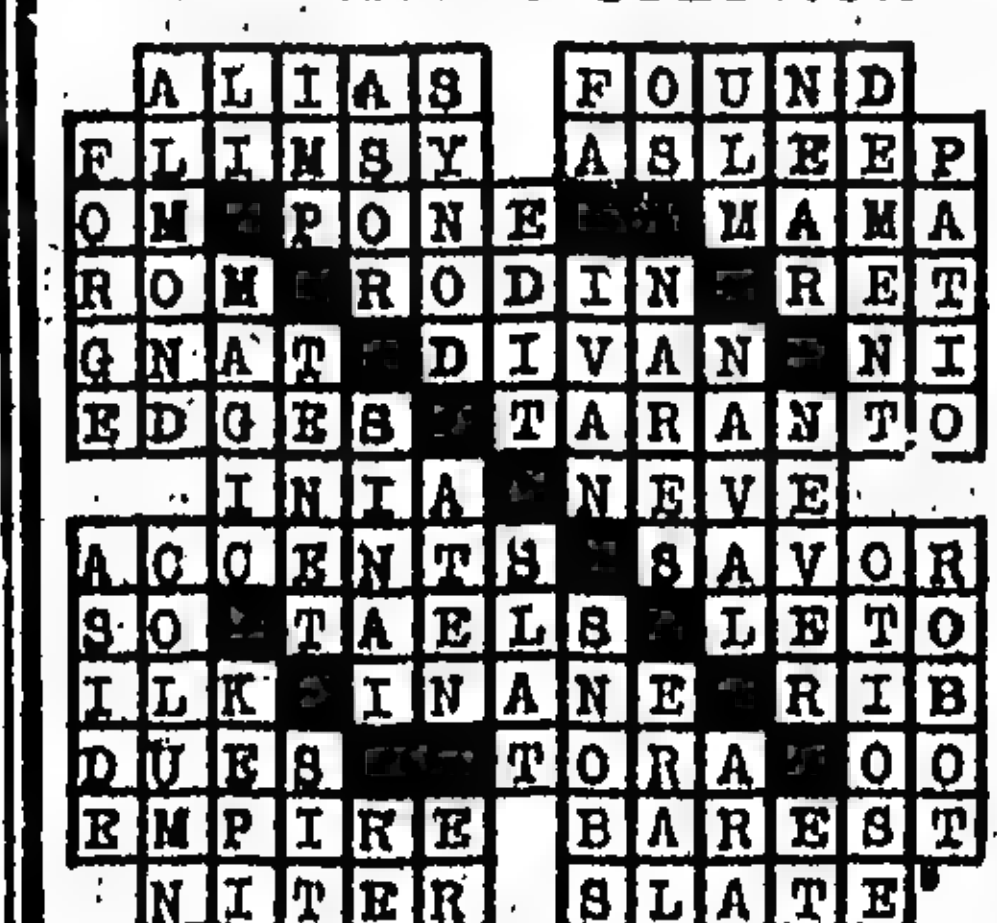
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- 25 Gaelic
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- 28 Dance step
- 30 Bid
- 31 Live coal
- 33 Communion-table
- 34 To adorn oneself
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- 38 Heating apparatus
- 39 Earth
- 40 Farce
- 41 Short treatise
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- 44 Guide's high note
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- 51 Conjunction
- 52 Tropical fruits
- 53 Part of "to be"
- 54 Pig-pen
- 55 To the left
- 56 The sun

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- 1 Moslem name
- 2 Law; things
- 3 Helping to constitute a whole
- 4 Mine entrance
- 5 Offspring
- 6 Character in "The Three Musketeers"
- 7 Baseball teams
- 8 Maple genus
- 9 Master of a house
- 10 To employ
- 11 Light brown
- 19 Periodic windstorm
- 21 Remaining
- 22 Parent
- 23 To turn aside
- 24 Sailor
- 26 Antitoxic substance
- 27 Teutonic deity
- 29 Writing implement
- 30 Palm leaf
- 32 To carry
- 33 Assistance
- 34 Hebrew letter
- 35 Edible tuber
- 37 Pronoun
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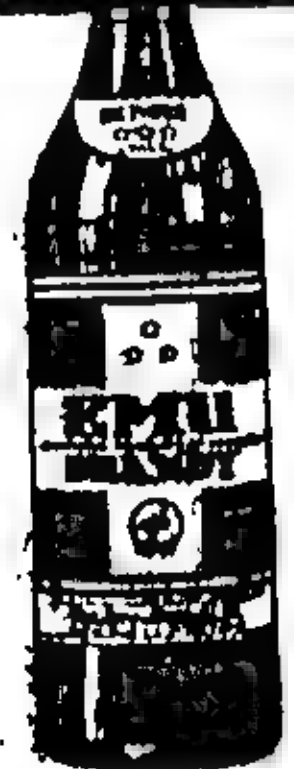
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# SUBMARINES & AIRCRAFT FOR N.E.I. DEFENCE

THE FORTS OF NETHERLANDS INDIA ARE IN THE SKY AND BENEATH THE SEA. AEROPLANES AND SUBMARINES

They are the first lines of defence. For these islands, this is no mere figure of speech. They are the first and perhaps even the main lines. Their job is to damage, if not actually cripple, an attacking force before it comes within sight of land.

The Indies are banking, particularly, on their air force.

In some ways, it has been the pet and darling of both the fighting services for many years. Glenn Martin bombers have been purchased from the United States in large numbers. They have a full complement of dive-bombers and fighters, virtually all American-made. The ships are new and fast, perhaps faster than anything in this part of the world. The navy flies Dornier seaplanes, sleek, wicked-looking machines with torpedoes glistening in the undercarriage.

### Nearly 1,000 'Planes

(Loneliest ship in the Indies is a German Messerschmitt. It was privately owned, before the war. The owner donated it to the army, and it is used for ferrying officers around Java).

The numerical strength of the air force is a well-guarded secret, but estimates indicate that the colony can send nearly a thousand first-line ships into the air. Military airfields are scattered all through the islands. It is a safe guess that the Dutch have more bases concealed than known. There are American pilots assisting in the training work at both Bandoeng, the army headquarters, and at Soerabaja, the big naval base.

A ceaseless air patrol is maintained over the waters for a hundred miles around the islands. Dutch officers say it would be impossible for a hostile expedition of any size to approach undiscovered.

Here you have the first phase of the defence plan—to locate and strike while the enemy is still far at sea. The Dutch are not planning to wait to be attacked. They will hit out first.

### Plan Curtain Of Fire

While dive-bombers and probably torpedo-carrying seaplanes are working on the approaching ships, the Indies' second big weapon—submarines—will come into action. Here, too, the islands forces are strong. The official total of undersea craft is given as 20. It undoubtedly is an interesting piece of official understatement.

Development of the submarine fleet preceded even the extreme interest in aeroplanes. These islands, with their shoals and shallow waters, are a natural happy-hunting-ground for submarines. The fact was noted, long ago, by Dutch naval strategists. They have the ships and personnel to make full use of it.

So in the primary stage of fighting, the Dutch plan to stretch a curtain of fire, extending from above the clouds to the bottom of the sea, across an invader's path.

At the same time, some of the static defences will come into action. The plan entails mining all the important channels into East Indian waters. In this respect, the Dutch are luckier than the British. They can surround themselves entirely with mines, having no need to leave some channels open for food-carrying ships.

### To 'Soften Up' Enemy

They do not expect, with these weapons alone, to halt a strong, well-prepared attack. But they do expect to batter it badly, to soften it up for the land defences, the shore batteries and the troops lying in wait behind them.

In military and naval circles in Batavia, it is taken for granted that an invader can reach shore somewhere. There are more than 2,000 islands in the archipelago, and they can't all be defended. But, as the Dutch see it, unless the main islands were taken, the fight would only just be beginning.

Having the advantage of nearby bases, they believe they can maintain command of the air, thus, with their submarines, gravely threatening the troops on shore by hacking away at the lifelines that feed them and their guns.—Associated Press.

## DIRECT HIT ON JUNKERS IN MIDAIR

An Admiralty communique states: "A night raiding bomber has been engaged and destroyed by one of H.M. ships."

A direct hit was made on the German aircraft, a JU88, by H.M. destroyer Holderness.

The bomber was blown to pieces in the air and there were no survivors. No casualty or damage was sustained by Holderness.—British Wireless.

## HITLER HAS DUCE BEHIND BERLIN ZOO BARS

Last year Hitler presented Mussolini with an armoured coach, such as the Fuehrer himself finds advisable. It is now disclosed that Mussolini's coach was constructed from melted down iron bars, taken from the Berlin Zoo!

Instead of the German eagle, they now cage the comparatively harmless "inflated bullfrog of the Pontine marshes."

Has Hitler a sense of humour after all?

## APPEAL FOR COOPERATION IN WEEK-END CENSUS

AN OFFICIAL SPOKESMAN, in a broadcast from ZBW last night, in four languages, on the census said:—

Everyone must realise that in a time of emergency, the protection of the general public is of first importance, and Government are rapidly completing plans to provide protection by means of tunnels, concrete shelters, dispersal areas, etc.

The efficacy of this form of protection has been clearly demonstrated in places such as Chungking, and the necessity is equally pronounced in Hong Kong.

In order that the Air Raid Precautions Department may know the number of people in each district for which protection should be provided, and also the arrangements which should be made for the distribution of food, etc., it is essential to have an accurate knowledge of the number of people who sleep in each house, etc.

It will be obvious to all that if this information was not obtained, thousands of people might possibly make their way to a shelter which would only perhaps accommodate hundreds, whereas, with an accurate knowledge of the distribution of the population, each household can be given advice as to where he can seek shelter.

### For A.R.P. Only

For this purpose, the Hong Kong Corps of Air Raid Wardens is taking a Census of the population on the nights of the 13th, 14th, and possibly the 15th March. It is emphasised that the information asked for, namely, the number of children, adults and aged people, and their nationality in each family, is for the use of the A.R.P. Department and Food Controller, and will not be used for any ulterior motive.

In obtaining this information, the cooperation of all householders is requested, especially in two ways. Firstly, that a responsible member of the family should stay in on one of the evenings until the Warden has called, and secondly, that he should give the information asked for as quickly as possible to avoid wasting the Warden's time. Please give this simple but neces-

### Information Required

There may be many managers of firms, hotels and lodging houses, owners of shops, factories, etc., and others who have control of staffs, who have been kind enough to listen to me, and I would make an appeal to them to explain to their employees what I have said and endeavour to obtain their cooperation in this vitally important task.

Before I close, may I repeat that the information required is the number and nationality of all persons sleeping on the premises on that night, including servants. There are three age categories; children up to two years of age; adults between 10 and sixty years; and adults over 60 years of age.

Finally, let me stress the fact that this information is required by the Air Raid Precautions Department solely for your own benefit, and that it will be a great help to the Warden if you will have it ready for him when he calls.

Thank you very much.

## ANOTHER RAID ON MALTA

Enemy aircraft attacked Malta on Monday but there were no R.A.F. casualties. A. A. fire damaged and probably destroyed several enemy fighters.

Enemy aircraft approached Port Said and Ismailia during Monday night. Some bombs were dropped near R.A.F. aerodromes but no damage was caused.—British Wireless.



# CHINA MAIL

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## A NEW WAR IN THE DESERTS

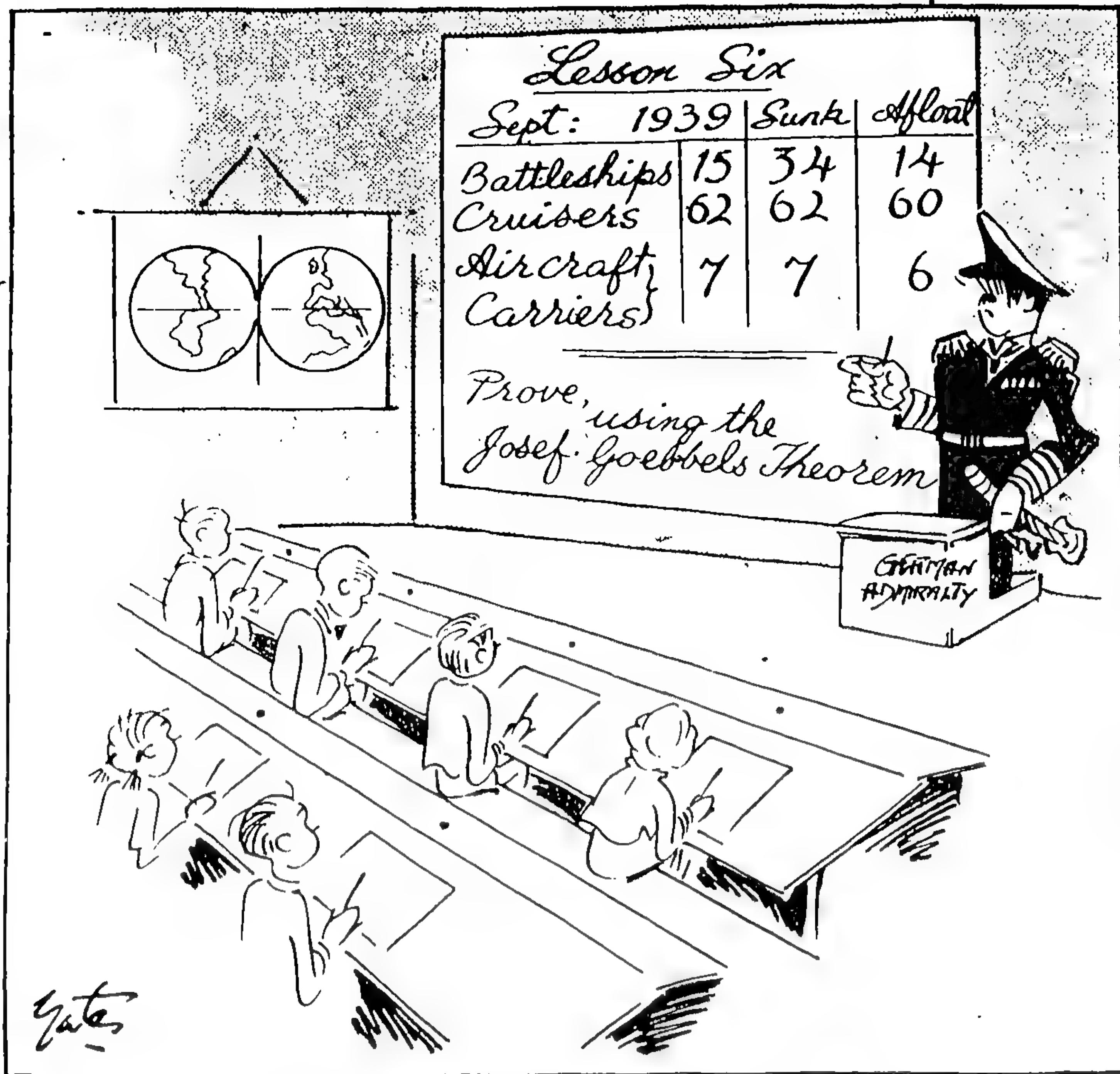
Many of us have thrilled over T. E. Lawrence's account of the desert revolt which in the last war drove the Turks back to Palestine and ultimate defeat by the armies of Allenby. The new war being waged by the Imperial forces and the Free French in Abyssinia, Somaliland, Eritrea and down in Libya round the Kufra and Jarabub Oases, promises an equally exciting story, but it will be different. Lawrence's was a tale of camel-borne Arab legions armed for the most part with primitive rifles—a few packages of dynamite and a very few machine-guns alone meeting the need for modern weapons. This new saga will be a story of machines, but it will have all the thrills.

The components of romance are all present: the three amateur explorers who for ten years had spent their vacations in the desert "for fun" discovered by Sir Archibald Wavell in the ranks of his heterogeneous army; the quick inception of the idea that they might lead a small patrolling force which would learn the enemy's dispositions and intentions; the rapid formation and training of armoured units to do the job, and the equally swift change, when the fray proved successful, to making this an attacking force to mop up oases and clear the back country, ultimately uniting with the army on the coast.

They covered half a million miles of desert, roadless and with never a repair shop in the vast expanse, these tanks manned by Britons and New Zealanders, few of whom perhaps had ever seen a tank before. They kept a rendezvous with the French coming up from Lake Chad within an hour of the appointed time, in an area of 10,000-foot volcanic peaks, with no guide but the sketchy maps of the region. Then together they took a fort by surprise and carried it, the French colonel being shot down within twenty yards of its walls. The surprise was so complete that passing natives, never dreaming that the British could be so far from their base, gave them the Fascist salute.

When the story is told, there will be the incident of the wounded man who was carried 790 miles by truck across the sand dunes and flown from a French airfield to a hos-

## THE NEW ARITHMETIC



QUOD ERROR DEMONSTRANDUM

# Mud And Rain Can't Stop 'em

By  
**William Gibbons**

"If there were soldiers or airmen in the middle of the Sahara we'd send a concert party to entertain them." So said a N.A.A.F.I. official to me. And having completed a tour with two of their parties on the English Sahara—Salisbury Plain—I can well believe him!

I chose this trip from a number he offered me. "What about Iceland, Middle or Near East, West Coast of Africa, Gibraltar or Malta?" he suggested. Salisbury was good enough for me.

So I went to see how some of the 1,200 odd artists touring at home and those far-distant lands are entertaining the forces.

I made one blunder, I accompanied a Grade A company first. This, in the profession, is considered a luxury cruise. May be it is to them.

Anyway, I set out with 12 girls and one mere man—he's useful: he handles the piano rather well—who were playing in "Girls in Uniform," the first all-girl show sent out by N.A.A.F.I. I finished the tour with the Sing Song Four. That was the sticky end.

They, so I understand, are the lesser lights, and their job is to go around to out-of-the-way camps in an 8 h.p. ex-laundry motor-van complete with piano. The pianist is the driver—or is it the other way round?

Well, I thought, after the comfort of a de luxe coach, this would be something of a change. It was.

Without the piano and the several bags of dresses and other props, it might have been a relatively comfortable 30-mile ride over the Plain. Still, the two girls didn't grumble, so why should I?

The camp was certainly out of the way. We had to have a despatch rider to meet us and show

pital in Egypt, and of the captured mail pouch which yielded all the information that was wanted. Doubtless there will be a hundred other exciting happenings, at present unrecorded. The movie scouts should lose no time in getting after this new sequence. It may prove to be the most picturesque in the war.

us how to negotiate a cut 'cross country.

After wading through pools of water and mud, we found the concert hall. This, believe it or not, was the famous orange grove—yes, oranges were actually grown there—of the Marquis of Albury's estate, for that's where we were.

An imposing building, fronted by huge colonnades, which, as Audrey, the soubrette, said, reminded her of Anthony and Cleopatra!

Inside was the canteen and recreation room with curious conversations and additions to make it a concert hall. There was no electric lighting, and the place was as cold as charity.

Six oil lamps were the footlights on a stage consisting of table tops! A couple of oil stoves were scrounged for the girls' dressing-room—a blanket nailed across a corner—and the show went on.

And what a show. There was just one minor mishap, but who would worry about that? Audrey put her foot through the stage, but there were officer-gallants to rescue her and repair the platform.

For two hours those four worked really hard and gave the troops some grand entertainment. I asked the Commanding Officer what the men thought of these N.A.A.F.I. shows.

"They'll give you their own answer afterwards," he replied. Sure enough they did when he asked them at the end if they'd enjoyed it and would like the four back again.

We had a last look at this famous old place at the invitation of the colonel. And what an odd spectacle we must have presented.

There in the main dining-hall of this ancient ancestry—now the officers' mess—we sat around the huge marble fireplace under the pale light of oil lamps, surrounded by the imposing portraits of a famous family, descendants of Robert Bruce, with Thomas, Lord Bruce, Earl of Elgin, father of the first Earl of Albury "in the chair" at the head of the room. It's my hope that I've done

something to brighten what already promised to be quite a bright Christmas for those troops. They were going to have turkey and Christmas pudding, the colonel told me, and needed a little entertainment in the evening.

A sporting colonel he. When I suggested that the same four artists come back on Christmas night and give them another show, he readily offered his suite for the accommodation of the girls.

Well, back we had to go over the Plain to our "digs" with Audrey nursing a swollen ankle, but as happy as any little Audrey could be.

"A grand audience, and worth any trouble we may have had," she told me. And that's a point, you know.

After all that, I felt that the comfort of one's home meant everything.

Of course, "Girls in Uniform" was a really tip top show, and believe me those girls are a little "high hat" since Queen Mary saw it recently.

I can quite understand Leslie's "inferiority complex." He won't have the piano on the stage with them, and at an R.A.F. camp we visited, he insisted on it being moved down to the floor—and in spite of all our efforts it got a jolt and lost a leg!

Still, Leslie managed to get his tunes out of it. He should. He's accompanied Gertie Gitana, Hetty King, Ann Penn and Derek Oldham.

And there's talent among those girls. One of them is Moya Macqueen Pope, whose family have been at Drury Lane since 1740. Moya appeared at the Lane with Ivor Novello, playing Fairy Queen in the 1938-39 pantomime.

And what a personality is—but no, let's keep the name out. She's a grandmother, I had the pleasure of delivering the good news to her during the show. Yet she can do the high kicking stuff with the best of 'em!

There's another side to this business, which just goes to show what stuff these girls—and men, of course—are made of. N.A.A.F.I. have one of those little vans in which I travelled, with no fewer than 74 machine-gun bullet holes in it. The four artists, two men and two women, were caught out in a raid, and had to lie under the van for nine hours.

It was "granny" who, held up in a raid, stopped an R.A.F. motor-cyclist, and rode pillion at 100 m.p.h. to be on time.

# India's Problems

In a word, the point has now been reached at which the British Government, with the best will in the world, can take no major step in Indian politics unless Indians themselves create conditions of national unity in which it will be possible for full responsible government—Indian Home Rule if the term is preferred—to function peacefully and fruitfully.

To justify this apparently dogmatic statement it is necessary, in the first place, to go back to the beginning of the war, when Mr. Gandhi, speaking for the strongest and best organised section of Indian political opinion, namely, the All-India National Congress, demanded that India be granted national "independence" as a necessary preliminary to her devoting all her national energies and resources to the war against Nazi

By Professor John Coatman

aggression. Cogently, he argued that only through this development could the necessary spiritual forces and qualities be mobilised in India, and just as important, only thus could Great Britain genuinely and without embarrassment stand forth in the eyes of the world as the champion "par excellence" of democracy and freedom.

Had Mr. Gandhi been speaking for all-India, and had the issue of Indian independence hung solely on the will of the British Government, his demand would, of course, have made it impossible for the latter to refuse it, except at the ruinous cost of showing that our basic claim, on which the unity and resolution of the whole British Empire depend, that we are fighting this war to ensure the survival of freedom and even civilisation itself, was a mere pretence.

But the immediate reaction to Mr. Gandhi's demand, inside India itself, showed that he was far from speaking for a united India, and, also, that there were powerful interests in the country actively opposed to the All-India National Congress, interests whose views could be ignored only at the most imminent danger of fierce internecine strife. Of these rival interests, the most important are the Indian National Mahomedans, of whom all but a tiny fraction are not only outside the All-India National Congress but are strongly—and increasingly—opposed to its claims and policy.

The role of the British Government in India is very far indeed from being that of autocratic dispenser of the country's political fate. Rather is the role that of guarantor of India's internal and external peace and, as far as her political development and status are concerned, arbitrator and guide.

There are eleven Provinces in British India, and the general elections of 1937, the first to be held under the new constitution, returned Congress governments in eight out of the eleven. Since the Congress Party, as we have seen, is almost entirely Hindu, this result meant the possibility of serious friction in those provinces under Congress governments where there were large numbers of Mahomedans.

And it is a matter of history that intercommunal relations deteriorated steadily between 1937 and the outbreak of the war.

It will be seen, therefore, that Mr. Gandhi's demand for "independence" for India was a powerfully descriptive factor in India's domestic relations. The Viceroy, after consulting representatives of all major sections of opinion, announced in October, 1939, that he could do no more than promise that there would be full consultation with Indian representatives after the war if this were found necessary and desirable, and that during the war he could have a representative body of Indians associated with his government in a consultative capacity.

This reply pleased nobody and settled nothing. Nevertheless, in view of the almost unanimous feeling in India in favour of the Empire's struggle against the Nazis, the Congress leaders decided to do nothing to embarrass the Government. Moreover, Mahomedan, Princes, and other opinion steadily hardened against Congress and it became clear that any direct action on their part would be setting a match to a powder magazine. Lord Linlithgow, therefore, continued his efforts to get agreement among the various interests but without much success.

The Mahomedan demand now is for the creation of a Mahomedan India and a Hindu India, a conception which is clearly ruinous to Indian national unity.





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# YUGOSLAVIA NOT TO JOIN AXIS ALLIANCE

**YUGOSLAVIA WILL not sign the Tripartite Pact even if directly asked to do so, according to well-informed quarters in Belgrade yesterday.**

There is no reason to believe that Germany has already made a definite demand for Yugoslavian signature, nor is it confirmed that German pressure on Belgrade has been intensified.

## LOFOTEN UPSETS THE HUNS

The Lofoten Islands raid has only served to increase the considerable nervousness prevailing in German circles in northern Norway, according to a Norwegian telegraph agency report.

The report states that at Tromsø and Haustan, in particular, the occupation forces have been greatly alarmed by the presence of British warships in neighbouring waters.

They now feel that no port along the Norwegian coast is safe from a possible raid.

The vast majority of the Norwegian people are enthusiastic about the British raid.

The Quisling newspaper "Fritt Folk" states: "Svolvær, 'centre of the Norwegian fishing industry, was shelled to pieces and devastated." — Reuter.

## FUR COAT STOLEN

Mrs. W. Faid, of the Hong Kong University, has reported the theft of a fur coat, valued at \$650, from her residence yesterday.

It is still considered likely that the Premier, M. Tsvetkovitch, and Foreign Minister, M. Cincar Marcovitch, will visit Vienna within the next few days but rumours that aircraft have already arrived to take them, are unfounded.

Relations with the Reich are still officially described as perfectly cordial.

Postponement of the Yugoslav statesmen's trip can be attributed to negotiations as to what form a declaration following such a meeting would take.

## Inopportune

The leading Belgrade newspaper, "Politika," yesterday published a Wilhelmstrasse statement saying: "It is inopportune at present to make any suppositions on Yugoslav-German affairs; it is better to await actual results."

Unconfirmed reports state that a German aircraft was brought down by Yugoslav anti-aircraft fire at Kladovo on Monday night. — Reuter.

## Belgrade Interview

The German Minister to Yugoslavia, von Heeren, had a long interview with the Yugoslav Foreign Minister, M. Marcovitch, yesterday, says a Belgrade message to the official German news agency. — Reuter.

## New German Demands

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

New German demands are stated to be responsible for the postponement of the departure for Berlin of the Yugoslav Prime Minister, M. Tsvetkovitch, and the Foreign Minister, M. Marcovitch.

The Crown Council, it is understood, was summoned in order to consider the new German demands. — International News Service.

## EASTERN GROUP SUPPLY COUNCIL

With the arrival of the South African and Australian delegates the work of the Eastern Group Supply Council at New Delhi is expected to get under way in the near future. — Reuter.

## ATHENS DENIES GERMAN APPROACH

An authoritative denial was given in Athens last night to reports that the German Minister in Athens had handed Dr. Korizis, the Greek Prime Minister, "certain proposals."

No proposals, it is stated, have been presented. — Reuter.

## HOSPITAL COOLIE CAUTIONED

Wearing hospital uniform, Ko Ming, 27, coolie employed by the Kowloon Hospital, stood in the dock before Mr. D. J. N. Anderson at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, charged with stealing 50 pounds of rubber-covered electric wire from the Sisters' Quarters.

Sergeant Gordon said that the Sisters' Quarters, in which defendant had been employed, had just been rewired. On Monday evening, accused was stopped by an Indian watchman when leaving with a rattan basket containing the wire.

Accused was taken to Mongkok Police Station, where he was released later the same evening when the Hospital informed the police that the wire was useless.

Yesterday, accused was re-arrested at the instance of Mr. A. Spary, of the P.W.D., who stated that the wire was still useful and the property of the Government.

A Sister from the Hospital this morning requested the Magistrate treat accused leniently because accused was a good coolie. She did not think he would have taken the wire if he had not been told it was useless. Accused was cautioned.

## SHARP FINES ON CHINESE BUSINESS MEN

**HEAVY FINES — RANGING from \$500 to \$1,000 — were imposed on three Chinese business men by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., at the Central Magistracy this morning, for attempting to send letters out of the Colony otherwise than through the Post Office.**

Mr. Li Suk-wah, manager of the Ng Wah Company, No. 322, Queen's Road Central, was fined \$500.

Mr. Alfred S. K. Lau, pleading guilty on behalf of accused, told the Court that the letter was purely of a business nature, and his client had no intention of defrauding the Government, or trying to escape censorship. His sole intention was to get the letter to Kwong Chow Wan in time, since on several previous occasions, letters were delayed through the post.

Mr. D. W. Fitches, Superintendent of Mails, said that he visited No. 20, Queen's Street, where he arrested a party about to send a large number of letters out of the Colony to Kwong Chow Wan. On

the premises, a letter was found, which Mr. Li Suk-wah admitted was his property.

A similar fine was imposed on Mr. Sin Lo-wan, manager of the Wing Yu Cheong Firm, No. 122, Connaught Road Central, first floor. Mr. C. A. S. Russ appeared for defendant.

Mr. Li Ping, accountant of the Li Cheung Kee Firm, No. 29, Connaught Road Central, was fined \$1,000 for sending two letters out of the Colony.

Two summonses against Lul Woon-ming, manager of Sun Yuen Tai Firm, No. 215, Wing Lok Street West, and Li Wai-lung, of the Cheung Hing Chong Firm, No. 84, K'o Shing Street, were adjourned.

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# STALIN FINDS A NAZI PLOT IN RED ARMY

STALIN'S PURGE of traitors in Nazi pay is extending. Behind the gigantic Hitler plot to sabotage the Soviet arms industry, the OGPU have now unearthed a further German plot to disrupt the Soviet political machine and the Red Army.

Immediate action has been ordered against all commissars and high officers who come under OGPU suspicion.

## GERMANS INDICTED IN N.Y.

A Federal Grand Jury has indicted the German news agency, Trans-Ocean, its manager, Manfred Zapp, and another employee named Tonn, for violation of the Foreign Agents Registration Law.

Zapp and Tonn have been arrested, it was declared in Washington yesterday.

The indictment alleged that Trans-Ocean established a branch agency in the United States in October, 1938, to further the interests of the German Government and the Nazi Party but failed to register with the State Department as the agent of a foreign principle; that Zapp aided and abetted the violation and that Tonn, as Trans-Ocean's publicity agent, had failed to register. — Reuter.

## ITALIAN PRISONERS TO WORK

Italian prisoners of war are to work on the land in Britain, announced Mr. Tom Williams, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Agriculture, addressing Cheshire farmers at Chester yesterday.

Mr. Williams said Government had promised that between 2,000 and 3,000 would work on the land.

Their arrival would depend on the demand on British shipping but it was hoped they would be available shortly.

Mr. Williams also revealed that supplementary labour schemes for agriculture provided for the use of elementary and public schoolboys, women of the Land Army and friendly aliens, the latter including, subject to certain conditions, some aliens at present interned in the Isle of Man.

HE ADDED THAT THE PRESENT SHIPPING POSITION WAS INFINITELY MORE DESPERATE THAN 12 MONTHS AGO, AND INFINITELY WORSE THAN THAT FROM 1914 TO 1918. — REUTER.

### OFFICER'S LOSS

Lieut. J. C. Brown, of No. 62, Macdonnell Road, has reported the theft of money, and a fountain pen, valued at \$25, from his residence, yesterday.

Schadenko, Vice-Commissioner of Defence for the whole of the Soviet Union, and Political Commissar of the Red Army and Navy, has been summarily dismissed and is under house arrest.

The Krenlin, in addition, has made a clean sweep of dozens of minor political officers accredited to the army, navy and air force commands.

### Traitor Plot

Secret reports have also been submitted to OGPU headquarters of the political activities of certain generals and staff officers.

The discovery has been made that certain officers belonging to German military mission and liaison units serving with the Soviet Army, ostensibly to organise them more efficiently, have been trying to convert Russian military leaders to Nazism.

In a number of cases they have succeeded. Several Russian Ukrainian officers have come under special suspicion.

For a vast Hitler plot has come to light for snatching the Ukraine from Russia and tacking it on to the German "Empire."

### Fifth Column

Primary moves in this plot are being taken by Hitler himself. He has been holding secret conversations in Berlin with the Pretender of the Ukrainian throne, the Hetman, Nicholas Skoropadski, with the idea of administering the Ukraine as a puppet German State.

Skoropadski's job would be to organise a "White Russian" Fifth Column inside Russia and the Soviet army.

These discoveries have influenced Stalin in his decision to put the Red Army in full mobilisation.

## IMMIGRATION COMMISSION VISIT OFFICE

THE IMMIGRATION OFFICE, THE GENERAL AGENT FOR THE IMMIGRATION OFFICE, AND THE PASSPORT AND DEPOSIT REFUND SECTION, WERE VISITED AND INSPECTED THIS MORNING BY THE SPECIAL COMMISSION APPOINTED BY GOVERNMENT TO INQUIRE INTO THE WORKING OF THE DEPARTMENT.

The Commission, comprising Sir Atholl MacGregor (Chairman), Mr. C. B. Brown, Mr. David Drummond, Mr. H. K. Woo, and Mr. K. M. A. Barnett (Secretary), arrived at the Immigration Office, Marina House, at 9.30 a.m.

After observing the working of the department and inspecting some of the records kept by the staff, the Commission left at 10.15 a.m. and proceeded to the General Agent's office in Wyndham Street, accompanied by Mr. Walter Hamming Chen, Chinese Assistant Immigration Officer, and Mr. E. A. von Kobza.

Fifteen minutes later, the Commission, with the exception of the Chairman, paid a visit to the newly-added Passport and Deposit Refund Section at the corner of Connaught Road Central and Ice House Street.

## JAMAICA TO GET CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM

An important Government statement regarding a new Constitution for Jamaica may shortly be made in the House of Commons, Reuter understands.

It is understood that the island will have a Constitution based upon elections by popular vote. — Reuter.

## FOUR DROWNED

WHILE SAILING NEAR LAN CHOW, IN CHINESE TERRITORIAL WATERS, ON THE MORNING OF MARCH 5, TRADING JUNK NO. T159311 CAPSIZED AND FOUR OF THE CREW WERE DROWNED.

The story was told to-day by the only survivor, Leung Chan, 30, who was picked up after being in the water a considerable time, by a passing junk.

## INDIA TO PAY WAR COMPENSATION

The Indian Council of State yesterday passed a resolution similar to that passed by the Assembly recommending the establishment of a scheme to provide for payment out of the central revenues of compensation in respect to war injuries and war damage sustained during the period of the present emergency by masters and seamen employed on sea-going services of ships registered in British India. — Reuter.

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### Notice To Consumers

Notice is hereby given that the Company's standard charges will be increased as from 17th March, 1941, by adding a 10 per cent. surcharge to the amounts charged for electricity consumed for lighting and power as per meters read on and after 24th April, 1941. The existing scale of discounts will remain in force.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

D. W. MUNTUN,  
Manager.

Hong Kong, 8th March, 1941.

## THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

THE FIRST EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held, weather permitting, on SATURDAY, 15th March, 1941, (postponed from Sunday, 8th March, 1941) commencing at 2.00 p.m.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

### MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5.00 for Gentlemen and \$3.00 for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal or written application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for Payment of all Chits, etc.

The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27794) will close at 11.45 a.m.

Tickets are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 21820).

No children or amahs will be admitted to either Enclosure.

### PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1.00 including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,  
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 10th March, 1941.

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## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

### THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held in the P. & O. Building, Victoria, in the Colony of Hong Kong at 11.15 o'clock in the forenoon on THURSDAY, the 20th day of March, 1941, or as soon thereafter as the Ordinary General Meeting of the Company shall have terminated for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following resolutions:

1. That the Directors be and they are hereby authorised to capitalise the sum of \$3,000,000 Hong Kong currency, part of the undivided profits of the Company standing to the credit of the Company's Reserve Fund, and to allot to the members holding shares of the Company as on the first day of April One thousand nine hundred and forty-one in respect of the net amount capitalised fully paid shares of the Company of equivalent nominal value in the proportion of one share for every three shares of the Company held by them respectively and that such shares so allotted shall rank for dividends as from the 1st day of July, 1941.

2. That if on such distribution as aforesaid any person would be entitled to a fractional share the Directors shall, in lieu of issuing fractional certificates, cause the whole share to be allotted to a person or persons to be named by the Directors and such share shall, at such time as the Directors think fit, be sold and the proceeds distributed amongst the persons entitled to the fractions making up such share.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.,  
Agents.

Hong Kong, 21st February, 1941.

NOTE: Under the powers conferred upon them by Article 12 of the Articles of Association of the Company, the Directors have decided to offer to Shareholders on the Register on the 1st day of April 1941, one share at par for every complete three shares held by them (excluding the Bonus Shares to be offered to them under the preceding resolution) upon the terms that payment for such shares shall be made to the Company's Bankers, The Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, Hong Kong on or before the 30th September 1941 and that Shareholders be given power to renounce their rights under such offer and that no rights attach to any fractions. The shares taken up under the above offer shall rank for dividends as from 1st day of July 1941. Formal letters of offer, acceptance and renunciation will be sent to Shareholders as soon as possible after April 1st next.

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The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 15th MARCH, 1941, to WEDNESDAY, the 26th MARCH, 1941, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
C. M. MANNERS,  
Secretary & Manager  
Hong Kong, 7th March, 1941.

### HONGKONG & WHAMPOA DOCK CO., LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held in the Office of the Company, No. 2 Queen's Building, Hong Kong, on MONDAY, 31st March, 1941, at noon for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1940.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 18th to 31st March, 1941, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
E. COCK,  
Chief Manager.  
Hong Kong, 10th March, 1941.

### PUBLIC AUCTIONS

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

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Hong Kong, 12th March, 1941.

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MONDAY, the 17th, March, 1941 commencing at 10.30 a.m. at their Sales Room, No. 35, Hankow Road, Kowloon.

A Quantity of Miscellaneous Goods, Household Furniture and Shop Fittings.

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LAMMERT BROS.,  
Auctioneers.

Hong Kong, 12th March, 1941.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

TUESDAY, the 18th, March, 1941 commencing at 5.15 p.m. at their Sales Room, No. 2, Connaught Road, Central, (2nd Floor)

A COLLECTION OF VALUABLE POSTAGE STAMPS

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Auctioneers.

Hong Kong, 12th March, 1941.

## BRIDGE NOTES

### Misplaced Courage

#### By The Four Aces

"Please comment on this hand," writes J. G. W. of Buffalo, N.Y. "I was the North player in the enclosed deal and weekly wrote down 1500 above the line for the opponents without opening my mouth—until my partner grumbled about his hard luck! Now, take a look at the hand and see whether luck had anything to do with it!"

East, Dealer  
North South vulnerable

♠ J 8 5 3 2	♥ 3	♦ 8 5 2	♣ K Q 10 5
♠ A Q 10 6	♥ A K Q 10	♦ 6	♣ A J 9 6
♠ 7 4	♥ J 9 8 7 5 4	♦ A K 6	♣ 8 4

The bidding:  
East 3♣ South 3♥ West Dbl. North Pass

"South insisted that he couldn't let the opponents shut him out when he had a six-card major suit

—particularly when he knew that the opening bid was of the shut-out type, based on a weak hand. He claimed that he was just unlucky to have found the biggest hand in the world at his left. Some of the things I said at that point might be better excluded from a family newspaper, but the point is that he still thinks he's right. Please straighten him out."

We feel a deep sympathy for North; we've been taken for many rides by brave partners who wouldn't let anybody shut them out of the bidding. But we're also a little sorry for South—it was a little unlucky to have found such a rock-crusher at his left!

But that doesn't mean that we have anything good to say about his bid of three hearts. To be perfectly blunt about it, the bid was dangerous and pointless. Dangerous because the carnage might be fearful (as it indeed was) if West held most of the outstanding strength; pointless because North could take action without the three-heart bid if North instead of West held most of the outstanding strength. For the life of us we cannot see anything to recommend such a bid—except perhaps the courage of the bidder.

Yesterday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you held:

♠ K J 10 9 6 3	♥ Q 5 4 2	♦ 8 3	♣ J
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The bidding:  
Major You Schenken Jacoby  
3♠ (7)

ANSWER: Pass. With all the Aces and three of the Kings out against you, some further bidding can be expected. If your partner is strong enough to take part in the further bidding, you can show your strength; otherwise, you will just get yourself into trouble.

Score 100% for pass, 20% for three spades.

### Question No. 662

To-day you held the same hand and the bidding continues:

Major You Schenken Jacoby	3♠ Pass Pass Dbl.
Pass (7)	

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

(Released By The Bell Syndicate, Inc.)

## FORGERY OF WILL

Accused of forging a will with intent to defraud, James Frederick Oakley Witcher, aged thirty-eight, was sent for trial at Portsmouth.

Mary Maud Turner, a South-sea boarding-house keeper, said Witcher had lived at her house for nine years. Several times he proposed marriage, but she refused him.

Frequently he asked her to make a will. She refused, but on November 20 she found in her bureau a will naming Witcher as executor. It purported to leave all her possessions to her "Dear friend and friend, J. Witcher." The signature was not hers.

### "As A Joke"

In August she was left £50. She had furniture valued at £500 in her house. Witcher knew this.

Detective Ashby stated that Witcher said: "I did it as a joke." In a statement he added:

"I was afraid Miss Turner would do something desperate to herself, and I wished to have the right to handle her affairs. 'I thought if she died I was entitled to some of her property.'"

He pleaded guilty to writing the will but said there was no intent to defraud.

## LIKED HIS WIFE TO BE UGLY

"MY HUSBAND IS SO JEALOUS OF MY LOOKS THAT HE FORCED ME TO BE A SCARECROW," ASSERTED MARION CURTIN, TWENTY-ONE, ONE OF NEW YORK'S MOST BEAUTIFUL PHOTOGRAPHERS' MODELS, IN DEFENDING A DIVORCE ACTION.

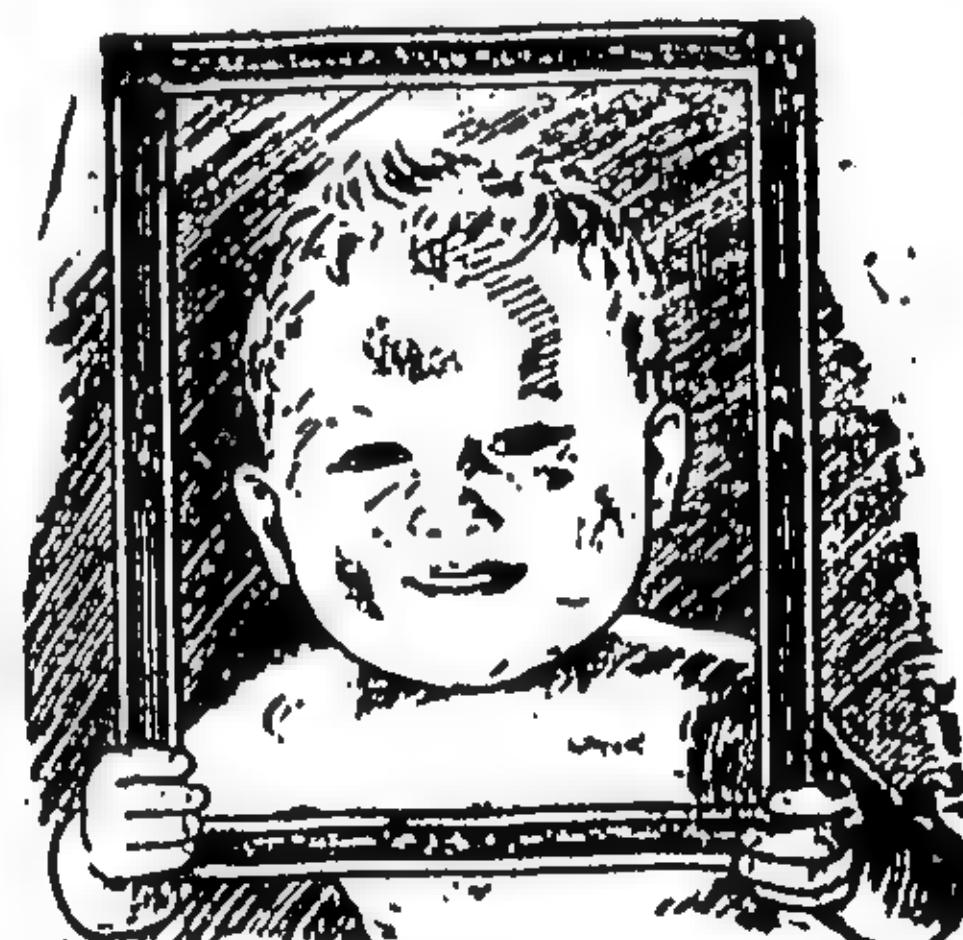
Marion said that her husband preferred to remember her loveliness as it was when he met her to taking the chance of losing to another man.

So he forced her to wear frocks two sizes too large; to avoid beauty parlours; and to wear no make-up.

However, in spite of all this, her husband told the Court she was guilty of misconduct with several men.

## CORONER'S COURT BOMBED

Because of raid damage at the City of London Coroner's Court, an inquest into a fire which occurred in November could not be resumed and arrangements were made for it to be held elsewhere.



### A PICTURE OF HEALTH!

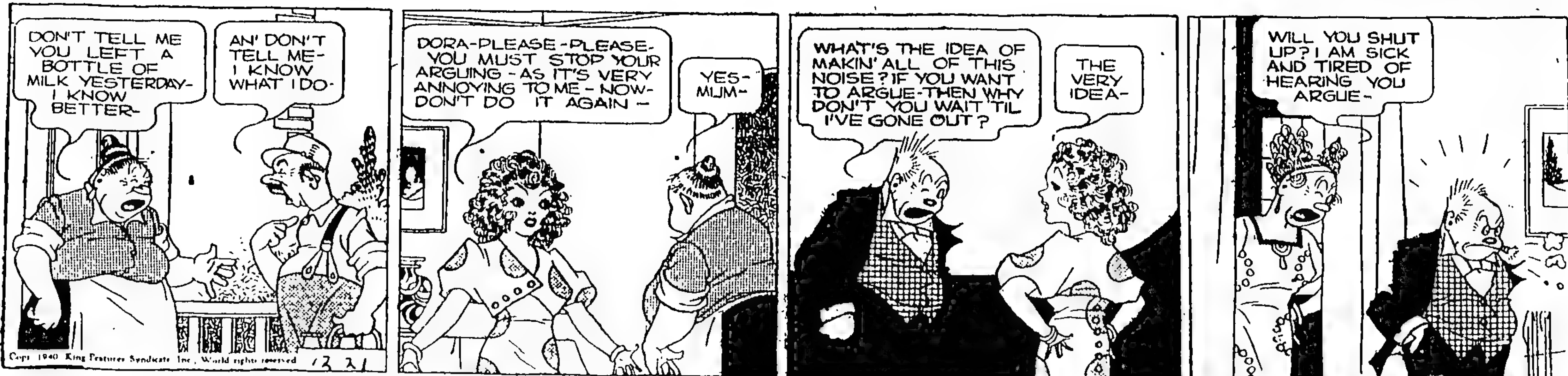
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## A PAGE FOR WOMEN Erect, Easy Posture

It is part of my profession to go to fashion shows, debutante parties and graduation exercises of schools which train young girls and women to make the most of themselves. Every time I attend such a function I want to rush home and write a column about THE IMPORTANCE OF GOOD POSTURE.

Professional models (that is, the majority of them) soon acquire easy, graceful carriage and they make the clothes they wear appear a hundred times more glamorous than they really are. And the girls and women who have earnestly attended six weeks of beauty training do learn how to walk and dance and sit in erect posture. But alas, many of the debutantes (and other girls of that age) slump around in such a fashion that the clothes they model for charity's sweet sake look like old sacks instead of inspired creations.

One would think that these young girls, who have many advantages in life, would learn to carry themselves proudly and beautifully. But they do not; they are lazy, so frightfully lazy.

### Baked Pepper Pot Mold —a delicately spicy luncheon party dish—

Dorothy Greig

GRANNIE once remarked, "To gather fame as a cook, serve dishes that are just a wee bit unusual, enough to arouse interest, but not so unusual folks are suspicious of them."

I think if Grannie had ever met my Baked Pepper Pot Mold she would have promptly added it to her "wee bit unusuals". It is of a light spongy texture with an unexpected delicate spiciness of flavor.



I like to make it in a ring mold and pile the center high with fresh green brussels sprouts and surround it with buttered whole cooked carrots. It's one of the dishes I save to serve as the main hot dish at luncheons, although it makes an appetizing Sunday supper dish, too.

**Ingredients:**  
2 eggs  
1 can condensed pepper pot soup  
1 cup milk  
1 tablespoon pimiento, diced  
2 cups bread, cubed

Beat the eggs slightly and to them add the condensed pepper pot soup. Then add the milk, diced pimiento, and bread cubes (made from bread at least one day old). Pour mixture into a greased ring mold (about 7 inches in diameter) and let stand for 15 minutes. Bake in a moderate oven (350° F.) for 35-45 minutes or until firm. Unmold on a hot platter or chop plate. Fill the center with buttered brussels sprouts, garnish with whole-cooked buttered carrots, strips of pimiento and parsley. Green peas may be used for center, instead of brussels sprouts if desired.



JOAN LESLIE demonstrates the easy grace of standing correctly. No stiffness is apparent.

that they are indifferent to destroying their beauty. Poor posture becomes a bad habit that is not easy to correct. And poor posture indulged in over a period of years invites chronic illness which robs many lives of happiness.

### Be Glamorous

If you keep your body limber through exercise, there isn't a reason in the world why you cannot walk gracefully in attractive position. Every curve of your body takes on more beauty if you carry yourself in this fashion. Your bosom is held high in normal position, your head is up with eyes facing the world directly, your midriff is held in and your buttocks are tucked under. Naturally, if you don't wear high heels and attempt to walk a few blocks you are going to throw all this alluring alignment out of order — so your first rule is to wear lower or medium height heels for walking.

The second rule is to firm your midriff muscles through exercise. "Begin refashioning in the middle" is a beauty slogan for all women. If you stand up and pull in your abdomen you will notice that your chest lifts higher and your buttocks automatically tuck under. These muscles should be kept elastic all through your life.

The third rule is, "Take care of your spine." Don't give in to its desire to slump. Teach it to keep erect and then your head will be held in place keeping your throat line young and preventing a "dowager's hump" to form.

Your fourth rule is, "Learn to let your feet take you places." By that I mean you should push your body forward when walking. If you hold the upper part of your body in healthy, normal position your feet and legs will carry you wherever you want to go with little or no hip and buttock sway. That stride is called "reveal" — the step queens master despite heavy trains and crowns!

Yes, I am convinced, that if a young girl masters good posture she has fifty per cent of the glamour she ever will need! The simplest of dresses looks like a million dollars on the girl who knows how to carry herself and who keeps her figure nicely proportioned through healthful living!



## TO ALBANIA BY BARGE

### To Italy With Jewels

So extensive is the damage done by R.A.F. raids on Valona and Durazzo that the Italians, making little use of these ports, are trying to send reinforcements and supplies from Italy to Albania by small craft.

These can enter bays and coves along the coast at night.

Lighters, barges, coasters and fishing vessels are being used instead of transports and cargo steamers.

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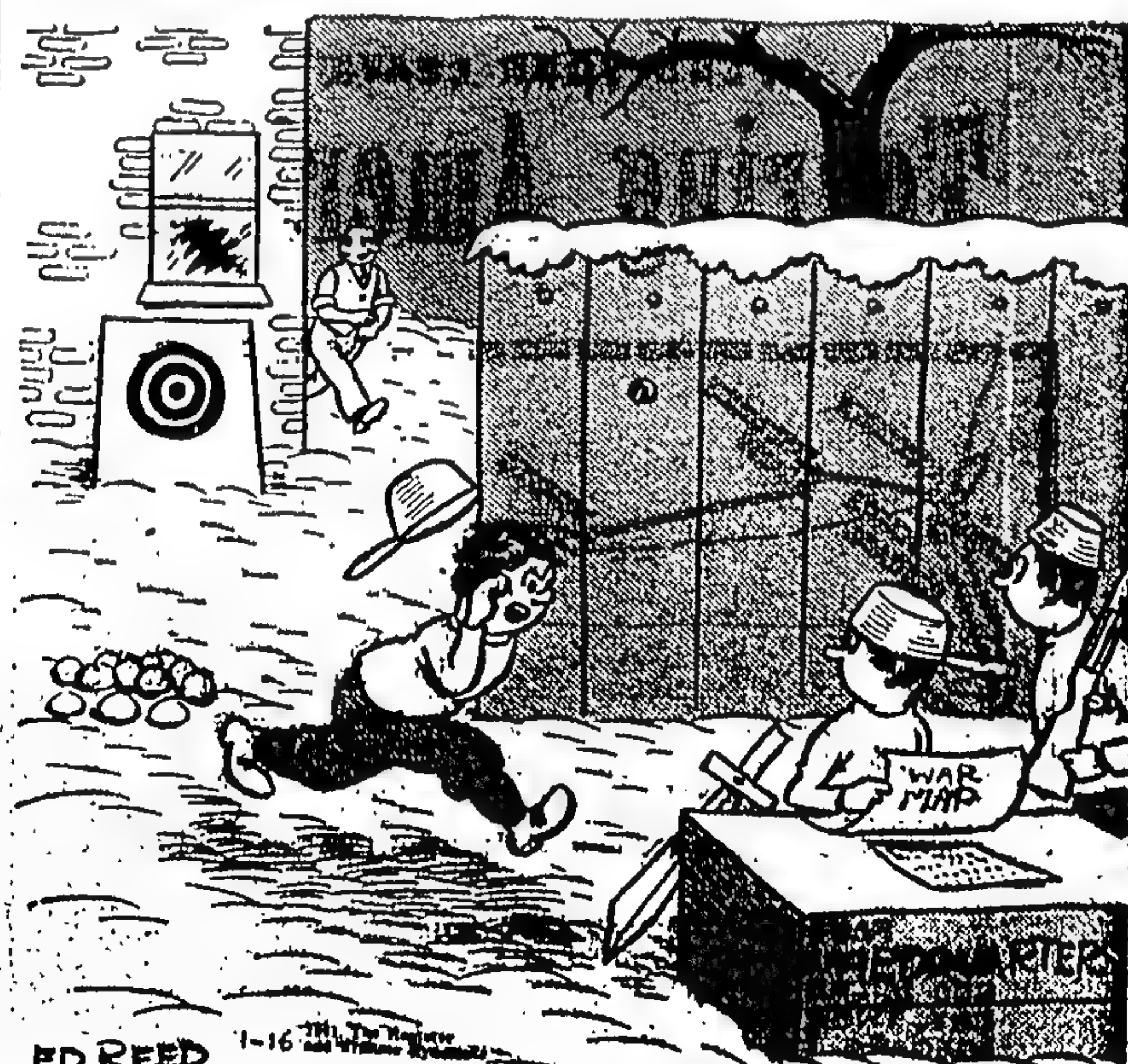
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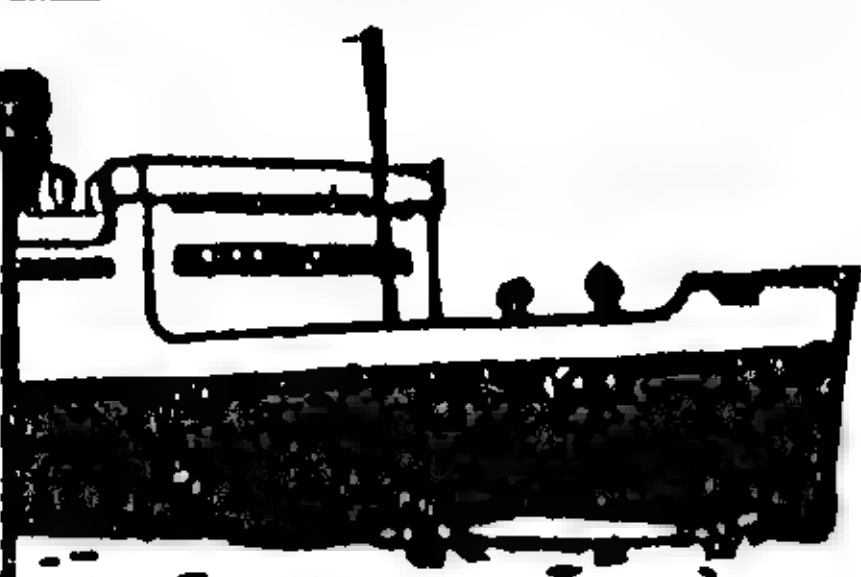
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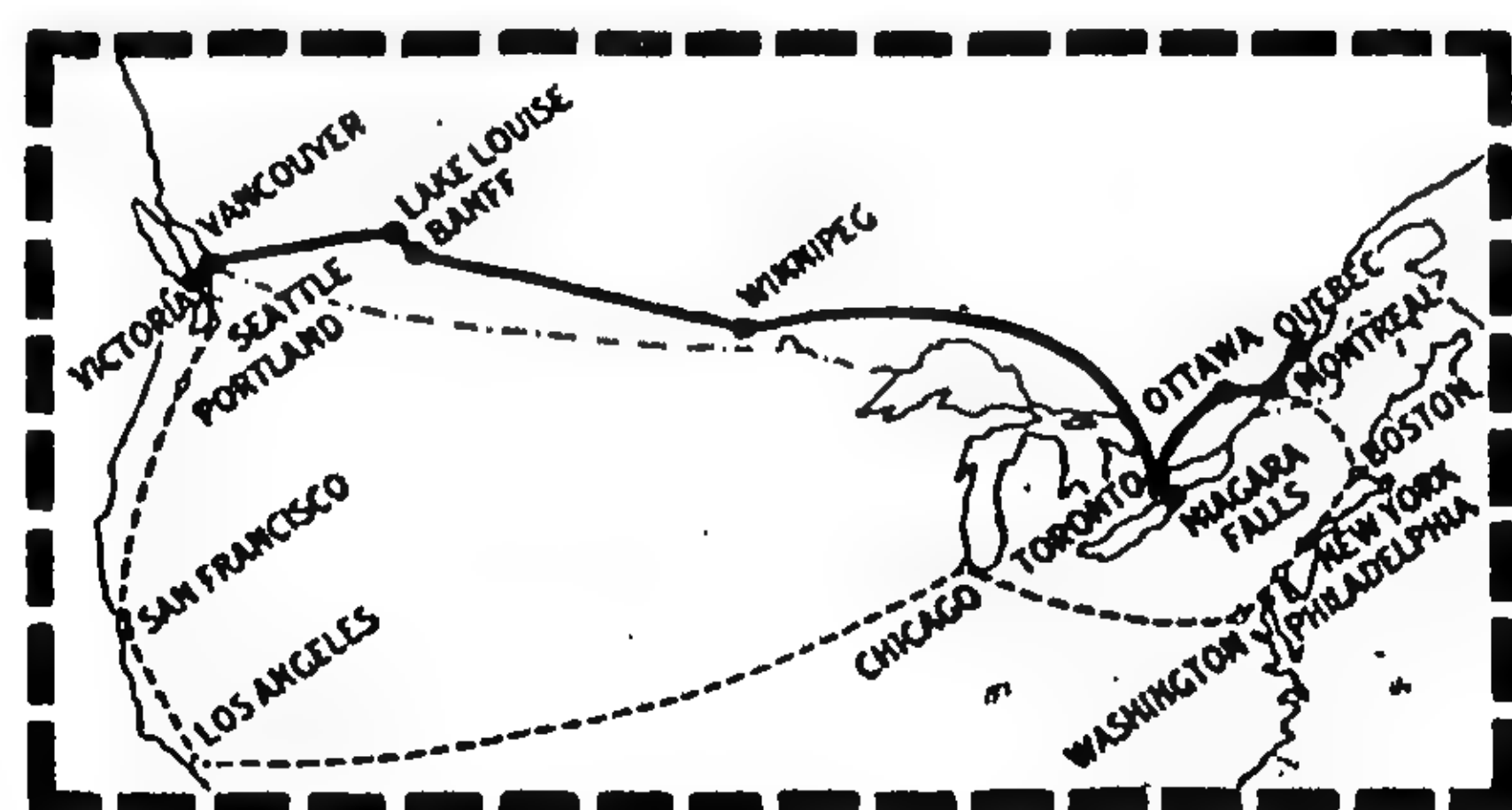
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Parcels	3.00 p.m.
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#### MONDAY, MARCH 17

Sandakan	9.30 a.m.
Straits, Rangoon & Calcutta	3.30 p.m.

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* Sakito Maru	Sunday,	16th Mar.
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* Awata Maru	Sunday,	30th Mar.
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### SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila

Kasima Maru	Saturday,	22nd Mar.
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### BOMBAY via Singapore & Colombo

* Onoe Maru	Sunday,	16th Mar.
* Toyooka Maru	Friday,	28th Mar.

### RANGOON & CALCUTTA via Singapore

* Lima Maru	Thursday,	20th Mar.
* Hakodate Maru	Friday,	28th Mar.

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SOFTBALL

# INTERNATIONAL SERIES DELAYED ANOTHER WEEK

## Great Britain Sub-Divided Into Three Sections

### Only Two Teams Likely For The Ladies' Series

By "Grandstand"

Due to the heavy showers which caused the week-end softball programme to be cancelled, the few remaining fixtures scheduled for the next two weeks have been pushed back for another week, resulting in the opening of the International series, tentatively set for March 23, being delayed for another week at least.

In view of the above postponement, it is assumed that the date for the closing of entries will be extended, but this is not yet certain. At a recent Committee meeting, it was anticipated that there would be a larger number of entries than former years, and representatives of nations were appointed.

A noticeable change in the grouping of teams, is that the Great Britain contingent will be further sub-divided into England, Scotland and Ireland, whilst newcomers to the series are Canada and Malaya.

#### Officials

J. Welford and Fred Hemslay will be in charge of the English squad, with Jock Phillips managing the Scottish contingent, and Dave Leonard and Plug Gillespie looking after the Shamrock aggregation. "Sunburn" Omar and Kassa Nazarin will represent India and Malaya respectively.

Representatives for the other nations are as follows: Portugal—Riri Noronha and Henry Barros; China—Abe Liu and F. C. Leung; U.S.A.—Chas. Waggoner and F. J. "Doc" Molthen; Canada—Pinky Higgins and Dave Walker; Philippines—Lucio Ildefonso and Dave Amper.

#### Ladies' Series

Participants in the ladies' series are not yet ascertained, but it seems to this corner that China and Portugal will be the only nations to be able to put up teams, in which case it might be more interesting to run the series on a "best out of three" basis.

#### CONN'S LUCKY TOKEN

To remind the trade that he is Irish, Billy Conn, World Light-Heavyweight champion, punches a light training bag dyed green. The bag has now become something more than a national emblem. It is also by way of being a lucky token as Conn has yet to lose a fight since he started using it. On the last occasion he k.o.d. Bob Pastor, who once went the full distance with champion Joe Louis.



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### BATTING AVERAGES

By "Grandstand"

To date only four willow wielders in the Senior League are left in the .400 circle. The lead is being held by Eddie "Doctor" Gosano, but it is Dave Leonard, the Bam, who has driven many a chucker to despair, not to mention the showers, backed by his slugging lead of .925, that this corner considers the most spectacular hitter.

With the League drawing to a close, the Association is faced with an enigma in deciding on whom to confer the batting title in the ladies' loop.

Whereas it will be an easy matter for the authorities to decide on the Senior League title from the records, complete box-scores of all games having been kept, it will be another matter to select the batting queen, as only records for the second round of the League have been kept, and for another reason, the figures are hardly suitable, when one considers the habit of calling off games after five innings of play, when a stronger team meets a very much weaker one, thus handicapping the players of the stronger team from piling up their batting figures.

The alternative is to choose the champion by vote, and here again the Association is stumped in deciding on those qualified to vote.

#### "Screwly Provision"

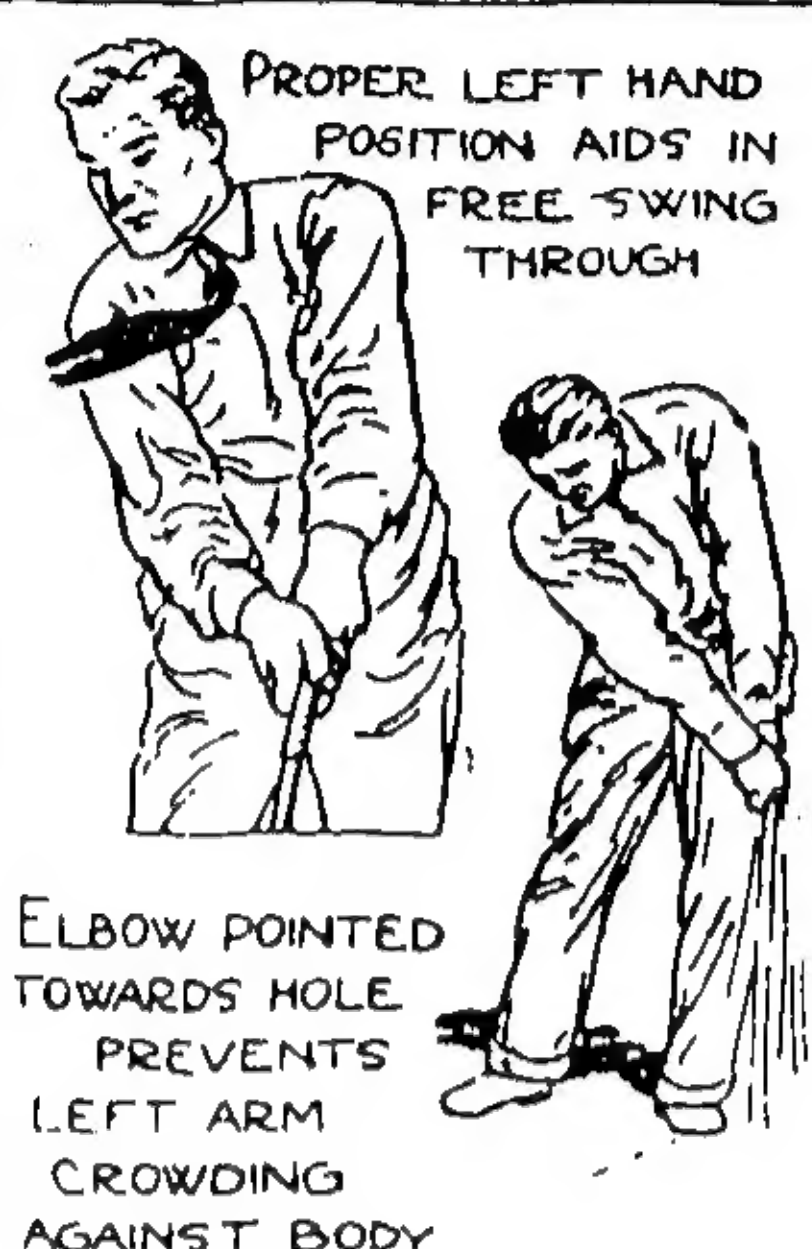
Another screwly provision, which is already being discussed in Junior League circles, is the condition that the Limjap trophy, symbol of Second Division supremacy, will be the property of the team winning the junior championship three years running. Since the winner of the Second Division will automatically be promoted to First Division for the next season, it will therefore be impossible for any team to possess the trophy permanently.

### C.C.C. CRICKET SELECTIONS

The following have been selected to represent Craigengower Cricket Club in League cricket matches on Saturday, at 2.00 p.m.: 1st XI (v. Recreio, home):—E. Zimmern (Capt.), T. Edgar, E. H. Esmail, H. G. Foreman, A. J. Hulce, M. C. Hung, A. K. Ismail, E. J. Mitchell, W. Hong Sling, G. Souza and J. L. Young, say.

2nd XI (v. K.C.C., away):—A. M. Omar (Capt.), N. Broadbridge, U. H. Esmail, A. B. Hamson, A. Hung, C. W. Lam, E. A. Lee, J. W. Leonard, S. Leonard, T. Lock and W. K. Way.

### GRAPHIC GOLF



#### Clearing The Hitting Action

By BEST BALL

To "clear the tracks" for a free swing through the ball, it is of course necessary to have the left hip well out of the path of the stroke. It is also essential to have the left arm in the best possible position to carry out the swinging-through mission. If the left hand grip is too far under the shaft, the elbow is turned in oftentimes causing a slight constriction between the upper part of this arm and the body. As the stroke descends, particularly in the impact area, these two parts of the body become cramped together preventing further free movement of the left arm and causing the stroke to collapse.

By gripping the club fairly on top of the shaft with the left hand, the left elbow is more in line with the intended path of the ball. This leaves greater clearance between the arm and the body so that the swing can be made uninterrupted and smoothly.

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### ENGLISH CAVALIER GOES LAME

By "Rapier"

English Cavalier, an old griffin, China Pony, formerly belonging to Mr. Eu Tong-sen, and now owned by Mr. T. C. Yuen, was sent out for a gallop this morning and, after completion of its exercise, it was found to be lame. The Chinese riding boy had to dismount near the six furlongs post, and the pony was led back to the stables.

### ARMY SNOOKER

Following are the results of the Garrison snooker matches played on Monday:

R. A. Sergeants (Stanley) drew with Signals Corporals, 3-3.  
R.E. "A" drew with Signals "A" 3-3.  
R.E. Sergeants beat Police 4-2.  
R.A.M.C. beat R.A.P.C. 5-1.

**LEAGUE STANDINGS**

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
R.A.M.C.	11	6	1	4	44
R.E. Sergeants	11	7	2	2	42
R.A. Sergeants	11	5	1	5	37
C.M. Police	11	2	4	5	31
R.E. "A"	11	2	4	5	31
R.A.P.C.	11	3	6	3	28
Signals Cpls.	11	2	6	3	27
Signals "A"	11	3	7	1	26

Pte. Whybro, R.A.M.C., made a break of 28 against L/Sgt. Chnlcraft, R.A.P.C. in the Silver Spoon Trophy match on Monday.

## THE EUROPEAN WAR DEALS HARD BLOW TO GAME OF TENNIS

THERE WERE NO LOBS AND VOLLEYS AND CANNONBALL SERVICES ON ENGLAND'S FAMOUS CENTRE COURT AT WIMBLEDON LAST SUMMER. INSTEAD, A BOMB THREATENED ITS DESTRUCTION, WRITES DILLON GRAHAM FROM NEW YORK.

Australia, too, was at war and the Davis Cup Adrian Quist and Jack Bromwich won the year before at Philadelphia was not put up for competition. Too many countries were affected by the European catastrophe.

And so tennis, dealt perhaps the hardest blow of any sport, lost its international flavour. There were some fireworks on the home front, however, with cocky little Bobby Riggs dethroned after a one year reign as Donald Budge's successor.

#### Big Upset

A lanky, blond Oklahoman, Donald McNeill, upset Riggs to win the National singles championship. This triumph climaxed a fine season for McNeill, one that sees him claim also, the National clay court and intercollegiate singles crowns.

McNeill, from Kenyon College, had whipped Riggs in the clay court finals in four sets in early summer. But the National at Forest Hills was another thing. Everyone—including Riggs—thought that Bobby, an inspired performer when he wanted to win badly enough, would hand Don a dressing-down before the swanky society crowd at the Nationals.

And it looked like Riggs as Bobby took the first set 6-4 and pulled away to the second, 8-6. Few thought that any amateur could spot Riggs two sets and win. But McNeill got his game, under control and began outpointing Riggs. He took the third set at 6-3, the fourth at the same score. Surely Bobby had been coasting a bit and had saved enough to rush through that last deciding set. But he hadn't. The south-westerner took that series of hard-fought games at 7-5 and the most valuable crown in tennis was his.

#### Success Easy

With Alice Marble at her peak the women's championship was just a formality. She raced through without the slightest difficulty, dusting off Helen Jacobs in the finals 6-2, 6-3. Tennis enthusiasts didn't know it then but they were watching Alice win her last amateur championship. A few months later she answered the call of gold and turned professional, along with Mary Hardwicke of England.

Queen Alice paired with Sarah Palfrey to win the women's doubles and with Riggs to take the mixed doubles championships.

Jack Kramer and Ted Schroeder won a surprise victory in the men's doubles. Out of his fall Riggs managed to save one championship—the indoor, in which he beat McNeill in five sets. Sarah Palfrey whipped Pauline Betz to take the women's indoor singles.

### SUNDAY'S HOCKEY

Following are the matches to be played on Sunday in the Hong Kong Hockey Association Tournament:

**10.30 A.M.**  
Royal Engineers v. Police "A"  
5th A.A. "A" v. Police "B"  
Recreio v. Nomads  
5th A.A. "B" v. Gunboats  
**4 P.M.**  
C.B.A. v. Destroyers  
Khalea v. Signals



### SHELL JUNIOR TABLE-TENNIS TITLE

The Shell Club table-tennis Junior Championship was decided at the Club's premises in Shell House on Monday, when Wai Yum-chee defeated A. M. Silva by three games to one. Wai was undoubtedly the better man and well deserved his victory, playing a steady game throughout.

Wai took things rather easily in the first game and coasted on to a 21-10 decision with some well-placed shots. Although the second game showed signs of developing into a patball session, Silva put up a better defensive show, and fully extended Wai before the latter could take the points. In the third game Silva adopted a more aggressive attitude and earned a hard-fought game, by playing out the full points.

Wai, however, proved he was the better man by winning the fourth game 21-15 to annex the championship.

Scores: 21-10 22-20 20-22 21-15.

The Senior Championship having reached the Final stages, will be played off some time next week, between Wong Iusun and Cheuk Kwai-chuen.

### HONG KONG FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

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COMPETITION  
(SECOND GAME)

SUNDAY, MARCH 16, 1941

Football Association

Chinese Federation

Navy Ground, 3.30 p.m.

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# BADMINTON PAIRINGS

Following are leading Badminton League pairings:—

## "A" Division

P.	L.	W.			
K. W. Chee and C. K. Lee (University "A")	12	0	12	D. Kwok and E. Kennard (St. John's)	6 3 2
H. F. Chiu and P. K. Hui (University "A")	9	0	9	A. E. P. Guest and E. Zimmern (K.C.C.)	6 3 3
P. S. Bun and M. S. Lim (University "A")	8	1	5	J. L. Anderson and D. Hazell (K.C.C.)	6 3 3
M. P. Young and Y. P. Young (University "B")	6	1	5	H. S. Jones and A. E. P. Guest (K.C.C.)	3 1 2
C. Au and H. Koh (Chinese "Y")	12	7	5	F. H. Kwok and R. E. Lee (Kowloon Tong)	3 1 2
J. J. Remedios and H. F. Goncalves (Recreio)	15	10	5	F. H. Kwok and J. Chan (Kowloon Tong)	6 3 3
M. A. Oliveira and A. M. Rodrigues (Recreio)	15	10	5	R. E. Lee and K. M. Lee (Kowloon Tong)	3 1 2
F. Koh and C. Y. Yung (Chinese "Y")	15	10	5	S. C. Chan and Lee Po (Kowloon Tong)	3 1 2
C. Au and F. Koh (Chinese "Y")	6	2	4	F. S. Li and S. C. Liang (Chung Wah)	3 1 2
P. H. Wong and P. C. Lau (Chinese "Y")	9	5	4	R. E. Lee and P. C. Fletcher (Kowloon Tong)	3 1 2
L. A. Carvalho and A. M. Silva (Recreio)	15	11	4	K. L. Lui and J. Pau (King's)	3 1 2
C. K. Lee and S. L. Yung (University "B")	3	0	3	K. M. Lo and W. C. Chung (King's)	3 1 2
M. S. Lim and S. F. Yung (University "A")	3	0	3	N. Whitley and N. L. Smith (St. John's)	3 1 2
T. T. Chin and F. L. Yung (University "A")	6	3	3	A. E. Xavier and C. C. Pereira (Recreio)	3 1 2
P. H. Hon and H. F. Chiu (University "A")	3	1	2	K. J. Ottwell and K. H. Lo (King's)	3 1 2
C. K. Cheuk and K. B. Lin (University "B")	3	1	2	E. F. Fincher and H. Merrett (St. Andrew's)	3 1 2
S. Amplavanan and A. P. Lee (University "B")	3	1	2	W. H. Choy and S. F. Lee (Chung Wah)	6 3 2
M. P. Young and Y. P. Young (University "A")	3	1	2	S. T. Chan and S. C. Chan (Kowloon Tong)	6 4 2
P. H. Wong and C. Y. Yung (Chinese "Y")	3	2	1	G. Brown and A. A. Remedios (V.R.C.)	6 4 2
P. H. Wong and T. W. Wong (Chinese "Y")	3	2	1	W. C. Choy and K. F. Chiu (Chung Wah)	3 2 1
C. Au and P. H. Wong (Chinese "Y")	3	2	1	E. A. R. Alves and P. A. Yvanovich (Recreio)	3 2 1
K. B. Low and S. Amplavanan (University "B")	3	2	1	A. E. Xavier and R. M. Soares (Recreio)	3 2 1
C. K. Cheuk and S. Amplavanan (University "B")	3	3	0	O. de Arcullo and S. A. Rumjahn (V.R.C.)	3 2 1
H. Koh and T. C. Lau (Chinese "Y")	6	6	0	B. Godkin and M. Talan (J.R.C.)	3 2 1

## "B" Division

P.	L.	W.			
A. L. Fisher and P. Wynter-Blyth (K.C.C.)	21	3	18	N. A. E. Mackay and J. A. Chen (Kowloon Tong)	3 2 1
N. L. Smith and P. Wilson (St. John's)	18	1	17	R. E. Lee and F. S. Ko (Kowloon Tong)	3 2 1
H. Eardley and D. Kwok (St. John's)	15	0	15	H. Dingsdale and C. Y. Sui (Police)	3 2 1
E. F. Fincher and H. Kew (St. Andrew's)	18	4	14	N. A. E. Mackay and R. E. Lee (Kowloon Tong)	3 2 1
D. M. Xavier and S. A. Rumjahn (V.R.C.)	18	5	13	A. E. Xavier and E. M. Alarcon (Recreio)	3 2 1
S. P. Chan and K. J. Attwell (King's)	12	0	12	E. M. Alarcon and A. E. Noronha (Recreio)	3 2 1
W. Gillies and L. Gordon (Police)	21	9	12	B. T. Gosano and P. Yvanovich (Recreio)	3 2 1
C. F. Chiu and S. C. Liang (Chung Wah)	12	2	10	H. S. Jones and E. Zimmern (K.C.C.)	3 2 1
S. P. Chan and W. C. Chung (King's)	9	0	9	A. K. Rumjahn and M. M. de V. Soares (V.R.C.)	3 2 1
A. E. Brown and S. A. Gray (St. Andrew's)	15	6	9	E. A. R. Alves and P. P. Botelho (Recreio)	6 5 1
W. H. Choy and W. C. Choy (Chung Wah)	9	1	8	A. R. Poliak and L. Landau (J.R.C.)	6 5 1
P. C. Leung and K. F. Chiu (Chung Wah)	12	4	8	A. Poliak and M. Talan (J.R.C.)	6 5 1
Peter Lo and J. Tang (Kowloon Tong)	15	7	8	B. Godkin and J. Odell (J.R.C.)	6 5 1
M. M. Davies and B. Gillespie (St. Andrew's)	15	7	8	J. MacDonald and H. Dingsdale (Police)	9 8 1
K. L. Lui and W. C. Chung (King's)	9	2	7	F. Castro and A. A. Remedios (V.R.C.)	12 11 1
J. Odell and M. Talan (J.R.C.)	12	5	7	A. Odell and S. Ramler (J.R.C.)	3 3 0
T. Lam and K. H. Lo (King's)	15	8	7	P. P. Botelho and A. E. Noronha (Recreio)	3 3 0
J. L. Anderson and H. S. Jones (K.C.C.)	15	8	7	R. Hogarth and J. Shepherd (Police)	3 3 0
C. C. Pereira and E. A. R. Alves (Recreio)	9	3	6	D. M. Xavier and S. Souza (V.R.C.)	3 3 0
H. T. Woo and K. L. Lui (King's)	9	3	6	A. Basto and A. A. Noronha (V.R.C.)	3 3 0
P. A. Yvanovich and P. P. Botelho (Recreio)	6	1	5	A. E. Brown and M. M. Davis (St. Andrew's)	3 3 0
R. Maynard and G. S. Ladd (St. John's)	21	16	5	A. S. Bliss and V. Merrett (St. Andrew's)	3 3 0
A. E. Xavier and A. E. Noronha (Recreio)	9	5	4	M. M. Davis and M. Merrett (St. Andrew's)	3 3 0
S. Ramler and B. Godkin (J.R.C.)	12	8	4	E. H. White and J. Tomlinson (St. Andrew's)	3 3 0
A. Basto and M. M. de V. Soares (V.R.C.)	15	11	4	S. Ramler and L. Landau (J.R.C.)	3 3 0
C. F. Chiu and P. C. Leung (Chung Wah)	3	1	2	A. R. Poliak and S. Ramler (J.R.C.)	3 3 0
S. C. Liang and K. F. Chiu (Chung Wah)	3	0	2	L. Landau and A. Odell (J.R.C.)	3 3 0
C. F. Chiu and W. H. Choy (Chung Wah)	3	0	2	H. Dingsdale and J. Ferrier (P.R.C.)	3 3 0
E. A. R. Alves and B. T. Gosano (Recreio)	3	0	2	C. Y. Sin and J. Shepherd (P.R.C.)	3 3 0
E. Zimmern and D. Hazell (K.C.C.)	3	0	3	R. Hogarth and J. Ferrier (P.R.C.)	3 3 0
W. Lawrence and A. E. Noronha (Recreio)	3	0	3	R. M. Laville and S. T. Chan (Kowloon Tong)	3 3 0
D. Hazell and A. E. P. Guest (K.C.C.)	6	3	3	Peter Lo and M. S. Lee (Kowloon Tong)	3 3 0
				H. A. Barros and A. E. Noronha (Recreio)	3 3 0
				A. E. Xavier and H. A. Noronha (Recreio)	3 3 0
				T. J. Mackay and R. Hogarth (Police)	3 3 0
				R. Mackenzie and J. Shepherd (Police)	3 3 0
				A. R. Poliak and A. Odell (J.R.C.)	6 6 0
				A. R. S. Major and C. Y. Siu (Police)	12 12 0

# Army Should Beat Navy This Afternoon

By "Referee"

THE SECOND GAME OF THE KOTEWALL CHARITY CUP SERIES WILL BE PLAYED THIS AFTERNOON AT CAROLINE HILL WHEN ARMY MEET NAVY AT 4.30 P.M.

On current form Army should win, but Navy now have a well-balanced side and should give the soldiers a good game. Navy are not the strength they were several weeks ago but the newcomers have settled down and have developed a good understanding, particularly in the forward line.

In spite of the disappointing form shown by Army in the Lai Wah Cup Final when they were beaten by Civilians, the Army team has not been altered although several positional changes have been made.

Hossack will lead the forward-line with Fox as his inside-right, while Freshwater and Birrell will be seen at left-half and right-half, respectively.

The game between Army and South China will be played at a later date and if Army succeed today a very good gate is expected.

Following are the teams:—  
ARMY—Bankier, Fraser and Naysmith, Freshwater, Bright and Birrell; Owens, Fox, Hossack, Weir and Duffield.  
NAVY—Giff, Roughley and O'Regan, Layhe, Hazard and Hull; Anderson, LePage, Hendy, Barber and Skinner.

## SERVICES RUGBY XV

Following have been selected to represent Combined Services v Combined Club and Police on Saturday, at Boundary Street.

"A" XV:—Morahan (Navy); McGill (Navy); Wilson (Navy); Giblin (Army); and Macdonald (Army); Keeble (Army) and Bowden (Navy); Winter (Navy); Deldenfield (Army); Palmer (Navy); Stockham (R.A.F.); Evans (Army); Flynn (Navy); Eddison (Army); and Page (Army).  
"B" XV:—Fairclough (Army); Richards (Army); Paul (Navy); Hook (Army); and Marsh (Army); Carter (Navy); and Morgan (Army); Bompas (Army); Hewitt (Army); Sutherland (Army); Millar (Army); King (Navy); Pinkerton (Army); Berry (Army); and Gillam (Army).

Reserves:—Easterbrook, Sutcliffe, Dobbinson, Clark, Macdermatt, Turner, and Cook (Army); Danger, Dobson, Inglis, and Hughes (Navy).

## PRESENTATION OF H.K.F.C.

A pleasant function was held at the clubhouse of Hong Kong Football Club yesterday evening when the No. 1 boy of the Club, Lam Fook, was the recipient of a handsome silver cup and a cheque, subscribed by the members, on the occasion of his retirement after 37 years' service.

There was a large attendance of members at the pavilion and Mr. H. R. Forsyth, President of the Club, called upon Mr. H. R. B. Hancock, the oldest member, to make the presentation.

Mr. Hancock said that Lam Fook was a very faithful and respected servant of the Club. He wished Lam Fook the best of health and luck in his retirement.

The cup was suitably inscribed in English while there was, inscribed in Chinese, also a message of thanks from Lam Fook for the kindness the Club had shown towards him and wishing the Club success in every field of sport.

(Army); Hewitt (Army); Sutherland (Army); Millar (Army); King (Navy); Pinkerton (Army); Berry (Army); and Gillam (Army).  
Reserves:—Easterbrook, Sutcliffe, Dobbinson, Clark, Macdermatt, Turner, and Cook (Army); Danger, Dobson, Inglis, and Hughes (Navy).

## HOME FOOTBALL PROGRAMME

Following are the Home soccer fixtures for the week-end:

### WAR CUP

Second Round (South)  
Cardiff v Reading  
Second Round (North)  
Grimsby v Barnsley  
Leeds v Middlesbrough

Third Round (South)  
Leicester v Mansfield  
Queen's Park v Chelsea  
West Ham v Arsenal

Third Round (North)  
Everton v Manchester C.  
Preston v Tranmere

### LONDON CUP

Aldershot v Fulham  
Football League (South)  
Bournemouth v Brighton  
Portsmouth v Southampton  
Southend v Watford  
Luton v Norwich

South Regional League  
Brentford v Crystal P.  
Notts C. v Notts F.  
West Brom. v Stoke

West Regional League  
Bath v Cardiff  
Corinthians

Lovells Athletic v Acoeraman  
Swansea v Bristol C.

### SCOTTISH CUP

Airdrie v Motherwell  
Celtic v Partick  
Hamilton v Albion  
Morton v St. Mirren  
Falkirk v Dumbarton  
Rangers v Third Lanark  
Hearts v Clyde  
Queen's Park v Hibernian  
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# ITALIANS SMASHED

## Greeks Keep Up Attack On Central Front

### FASCIST MINISTER KILLED

The Greek Press Ministry in Athens confirmed yesterday that the Fascist Minister of Education, Battar, was killed in recent fighting at the head of a Black Shirt battalion. He was engaged in firing on his own troops in retreat when killed.

### CARDINAL SCHULTE PASSES

CARDINAL KARL JOSEF SCHULTE, ARCHBISHOP OF COLOGNE, DIED ON MONDAY NIGHT AGED 69. SAYS THE SWISS RADIO.

Cardinal Schulte, who was well-known to troops of the British Army on the Rhine after the Great War, was associated with the German hierarchy in condemnation of the Nazi sterilisation law. He was prominent during the last war in alleviating the lot of British and French prisoners of war in Germany. — Reuter.

## Blackshirts Retire In Confusion

HUNDREDS OF ITALIAN dead were left behind when, after strong artillery preparation, Greek infantry again attacked early on Monday morning in the central area of the Albanian front, states a Greek Press Ministry bulletin reported by Athens radio last night.

Guns, ammunition, automatic arms and machine-guns were captured, as well as 300 Italian prisoners, including a number of officers.

The Italians put up a determined defence, making desperate efforts to check the furious Greek onslaught, but their efforts were of no avail.

The enemy's strongest positions, one of them on a peak nearly 6,000 feet high, were captured by the Greek forces and the Italians were put to flight after suffering very severe losses.

Greek detachments gave chase and the Italians' flight was so precipitate that they left many dead and wounded on the battlefield. — Reuter.

### R.A.F. Support

The R.A.F. is continuing its support of the Greek army in their smashing attacks on the Italian forces in Albania. Yesterday the R.A.F. raided motor transport concentrations and enemy camps. — Reuter.

### TEPELINI DOOMED

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

An Athens message yesterday stated that Tepelini is on the verge of capture by the Greek army.

Heavy Italian counter-attacks have met with no success, the enemy being driven back with terrific losses.

With the Greek armies pressing on all fronts in Albania and Athens celebrating new victories, Athens ridicules peace negotiation reports spread by German propaganda. — International News Service.

### FRENCH ANXIETY

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

Official French quarters in Hanoi commenting on the signing of the Thailand-Indo-China agreement, said that trouble is to be feared in the areas ceded to Thailand, since the inhabitants of these areas, formerly under the rule of Siam, intensely disliked and still do, the Siamese.

The areas concerned, these sources claim, are economically unimportant, and cover some 30,000 square kilometres.

The rubber output in these areas is negligible. — International News Service.

## STOP PRESS

## THRUST INTO ABYSSINIA

Another British thrust into Abyssinia from the Sudan is revealed in yesterday's communique from British Headquarters in Cairo.

The communique announces that the Imperial forces have captured Afodu and are now advancing towards Asosa.

The enemy has abandoned four guns and quantities of armament in his retreat.

Further east patriot forces have captured a town and are continuing their pursuit of the Italian columns. — Reuter.

## ITALIAN TRANSPORT TORPEDOED

A heavily laden Italian troop transport was torpedoed and sunk by a British submarine.

This was revealed in an official Admiralty communique yesterday which adds that in reporting this success the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean, states the transport was of the Sicilia class of 9,646 tons. — Reuter.

## NAZIS THREATENING U.S. WITH REPERCUSSIONS IN PACIFIC

(Continued from Page 1)  
The French official told I.N.S. that Russia, desirous of maintaining American friendship, will refuse to collaborate.

### Likely Demands

French views on the Matsuoka visit to Berlin agree with those of official Washington. It is suggested that, conscious of the fact that Japan gains nothing from the Tripartite Pact with Germany and Italy, Mr. Matsuoka may be expected to demand Japan's release from any obligation to fight the United States and Britain.

### Visit To Il Duce

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]  
Mr. Matsuoka, it is stated in Berlin, will visit Rome on April 3 or 4 to confer with Signor Mussolini.

The Japanese Foreign Minister is leaving Tokyo to-day accompanied by 12 secretaries, together with army and naval aides and will join the German Ambassador to Japan, Eugene Ott, in Moscow. — International News Service.

Six cases of cholera were notified to the Health Authorities during the week-end.



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